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A CHILDREN'S TREASURY OF TIMELY TERMONOLOGY In an effort to aid readers on their journey through this section's attempts at guffaw-inducage, we offer an *April Fool's Dictionary* (with few apologies to Ambrose Bierce).

- **Adultery** – The democracy the People's Republic of Arcata confers upon love
- **Big Foot** – Superstition; synonym for theology
- **Bitch** – Mispronunciation of a tree species native to Humboldt
- **Climate Change** – What is good enough for dinosaurs is good enough for growers
- **Fog** – A common meteorological phenomenon between the ears; a fine Humboldt cheese
- **Hippie Idealism** – Congenital defect of Plaza uber-liberals; as conformance-demanding as organized religion
- **North Coast Politician** – A peculiar mutation of *homo sapiens* who confers upon the rest of us immensely gratifying feelings of moral superiority.
- **Robber Barons** – See marijuana industrial complex, at least up till now
- **Cannabis** - See "Marijuana"
- **Marijuana** – A commonly accepted name for cannabis, which growers farmers suddenly decided is racist and pejorative so we should all call it cannabis, instead
- **Small Farmer** – See "Pot Grower"
- **Mom 'n' Pop Farm** – My own grow
- **Mega Grow** – Anything bigger than my own grow
- **Dime Bag** – A mythical unit of measure not seen since the early 1980s (See also "Darrell Lance Abbott")
- **Trimmigrant** – A type of migrant farmworker that John Steinbeck somehow failed to write about
- **Trim Scene** – Where you get your hair cut
- **Medical Cannabis** – All of it, apparently
- **Responsible Grower** – That would be nice
- **Skunk** – A small, black and white mammal of the *Mephitidae* family that smells a lot like weed, but less pungent
- **Humboldt Terroir** – Those intangible and irreproducible environmental qualities that are unique to cannabis grown in Humboldt County, which can only be obtained by using non-native soil, massive amounts of fertilizer, trucked-in water, light deprivation and metal halide lighting.

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Brent's new mission



Bitch's bummed



Saggy bagged



Art craps up everywhere



Sewer spews (seriously)



Woman eats donut



Not George Hrab

Lies • So-called "jokes" • Perfidy • Made-up crap • Bogusness • Balderdash

Cabin discovered on Plaza

Tiny house found in remote, unexplored area of lawn

Pixton DuQuesne

EYE CORRESPONDENT

ARCATA PLAZA – It turns out that the mysterious Arcata Community Forest cabin that has captivated imaginations across the country has a downtown counterpart.

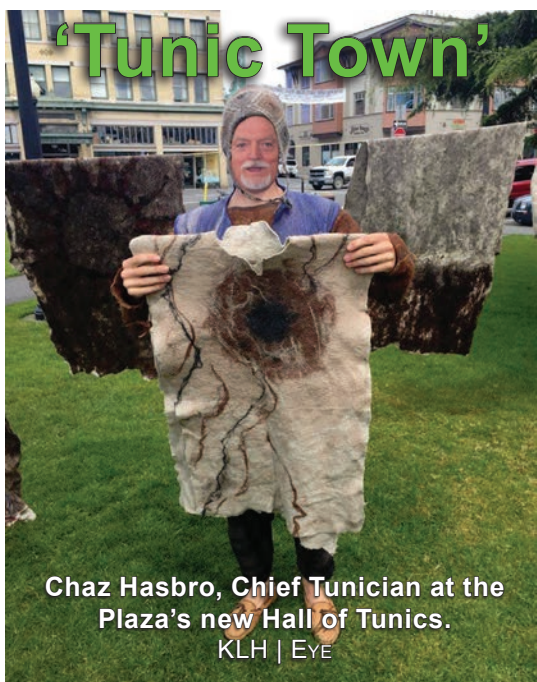
Last week, after chasing down a shoplifting suspect, APD Downtown Officer Luke Scown stopped to retrieve the evidence, a McTel's Lemon Pie nicked from Arcata Liquors.

On looking up, he noticed a detail of the Plaza that had eluded even him, and somehow everyone else up till then – a small shack, ap-

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APD Officers Luke Scown and Heidi Groszman approach the hitherto-undetected cabin as Hamburglar and Turnip clutch each other in amazement. KLH | EYE



Chaz Hasbro, Chief Tunician at the Plaza's new Hall of Tunics.

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Rebranding resisted

Angus Podgorny

EYE CORRESPONDENT

ARCATA – Concern is growing in the community about the increasing dominance of the artisanal tunic lobby over civic affairs at City Hall and throughout town.

Citizens have been alarmed to learn that a permanent "Hall of Tunics" has been installed on the Plaza, while city councilmembers all turned up for their last meeting clad in the boxy garments.

"It's high time we recognized the contributions of Tunic-Americans," noted Councilmember Sofia Perreira, sporting a lavender and lime green plaid tunic. "Can you even imagine Arcata without them?" This earned roaring ap-

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Chafing dish scandal grows

Ray Rumsey

EYE CORRESPONDENT

WHITE HOUSE – With full backing from the White House, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch announced last week that the Justice Department has launched a full-blown investigation into the possible disappearance of a chafing dish, spatula and a George Foreman grill from the Manila Community Center.

The announcement came hours after a strike team of federal agents in a dozen black Chevy Suburbans descended on the sandy outpost, tapping off the Manila Community Center as a crime scene.

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Now trending: 'Where's Lisa?'

Glerbus Gloof

EYE CORRESPONDENT

ARCATA – Taking a cue from the old "Where's Waldo?" fad, the Department of Pandering at Humboldt University has launched a counterpart "Where's Lisa?" campaign for the whereabouts of President Lisa Lostbacher.

Humboldt Associate Vice President for Pandering Frank Pangloss hopes his "Where's Lisa?" promotion will curb sniping about his boss as "Lisa Who?" "President-in-Absentia" and "Madam Phantom."

He concedes a campus pool

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World peace achieved

Charva Berdino

EYE CORRESPONDENT

EARTH – World peace has been achieved – or will be, once a little neighborhood issue in Sunny Brae is put to rest.

Humboldt Mediation Services was as surprised as anyone when major Middle East countries consented to a structured series of conflict resolution sessions at the Arcata Community Center. The talks culminated with all known armaments being dumped into the Mediterranean Sea. "This

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Russian President Vladimir Putin celebrates with master mediator Sondra Schaub. KLH | EYE

Ridge Trail roundabout helps pacify path

Honko Remandabar

EYE CORRESPONDENT

ARCATA COMMUNITY FOREST – Anticipating a flood of hikers, bikers and horsers, the City of Arcata has completed installation of the first roundabout on the Arcata Ridge Trail.

The new roundabout will safely channel trail users through the heavily traveled Arcata Community Forest.

Encouraged by the news, Environmental Services Director Mark Andre issued his now-routine, yearly prediction that the Ridge Trail will be completed by year's end.

Aided by a \$47 million Caltrans grant, a host of other features will further calm multi-modal traffic

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The new Arcata Community Forest roundabout.

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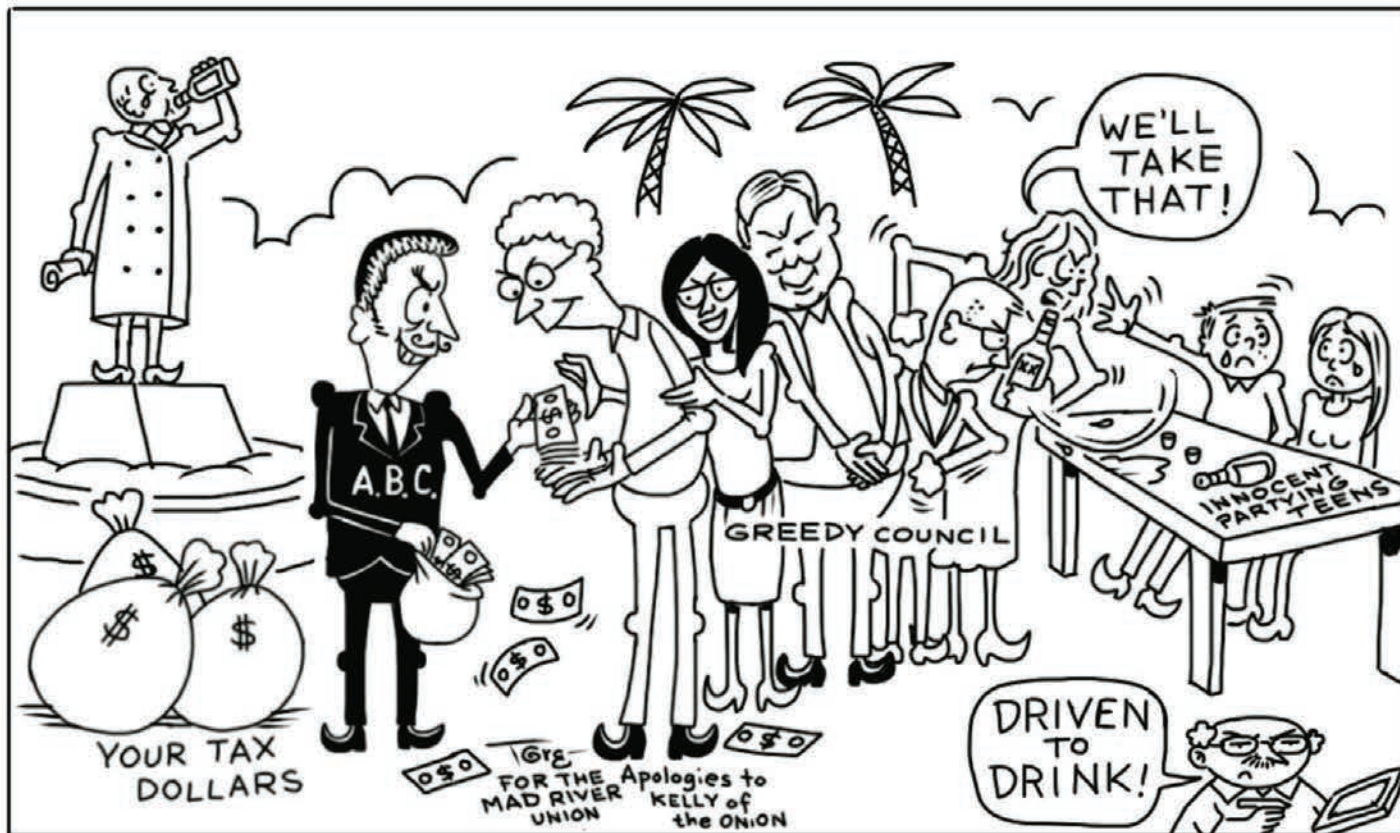
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Supes get up to speed with help of HUMMETH

Annabelle Bassett

EYE CORRESPONDENT

HUMBOLDT – Emboldened by the cannabis industry having recast itself as a plucky group of family farmers, the meth cooking community is moving in the same direction.

The Humboldt Mendocino Methamphetamine Energizing Theocracy (HUMMETH) found an ap-

preciative audience among the Board of Supervisors at last week's meeting.

Spokesman Jerry Jitters told the board that his industry is composed of numerous small artisanal producers, who must work long hours under trying conditions – usually involving toxic chemicals.

“Our product makes America great again,” Jitters said, picking at his rather

volcanic-looking complexion. “Or at least it seems that way for the first day or so.”

Jitters said HUMMETH's participating meth cooks – whom he referred to as “chefs” – help motivate Humboldt's work force, and as a bonus, keep law enforcement officers employed.

“Think about how much smaller local police forces would be without our chefs

to keep track of,” Jitters said.

A majority of supervisors endorsed a HUMMETH grant application for funds for anything that will get those damn worms that are crawling under their skin out, and to set up advanced classes through HSU's CenterActivities in teeth grinding and suspiciously peering out at one's neighbors from behind drawn curtains.



Now that Arcata is without a recycling center, the Parks & Rec department is offering a retraining course for suddenly idled recycling pirates. “Burglary for Beginners” will train today's industrious tweeker in the art of trying car doors, cutting locks, jimmying doors and plucking bicycles from porches. Extra credit will be given for those who master the stealthy theft of tip jars and swiping change off bars. The class meets from 2 to 4 a.m. Sunday mornings; fee is \$35 or any iPads, power tools or loose tunics you may “find” around town. KLH | EYE

Debilitating slight stifles educational environment

Darrell Dograt

EYE CORRESPONDENT

HUMBOLDT STATE – Outraged over cultural misappropriation and insensitivity, the HSU's Associated Students voted unanimously last week to ban English muffins from school dining facilities.

The action came about after Geoffrey Pippins, an exchange student from England, walked into the Depot and was confronted by a chafing dish engraved with the letters “MCSD” and piled high with English muffins.

A Depot employee jokingly greeted Pippins with a mock English accent, saying “Top o' the mornin', good chap. Enjoy some English muffins!” Deeply offended and wronged (though ever mindful of the potential for Facebook outrage), Pippins dropped his tray, ran back to his dorm room and sobbed himself to sleep.

The next morning, Pippins reported the incident to the university. “I was deeply offended, not so much by the cheeky fellow who mocked my accent. He was just being an arse. But those muffins were culturally insensitive. How am I supposed to study under this constant hail of abuse?”

Pippins wrote in his complaint.

He explained that English muffins are an American invention, and a deep affront to his British heritage. “The cafeteria should be a safe zone. I shouldn't have to see my heritage cheapened by ‘English’ muffins. Bollocks!” Pippins said.

On learning of Pippins' complaint, the Associated Students staged a campus-wide walkout, culminating with a demonstration on the Quad.

“We demand greater sensitivity,” bleated campus crusader Larry Limabeau through a bullhorn. The Associated Students held an emergency meeting later that evening and voted to ban English muffins, including their oligarchical nooks and crannies.

The Associated Students are also mulling a possible ban on French rolls. A subcommittee has been formed to look into the policy manual for the dormitories, which includes the word “pajamas.”

Students noted that the word is Hindi in origin and questioned whether it was appropriate for the dominant culture to lackadaisically throw such a term around without any concern for students of Indian origin.

Peace | Breaking out ▶ FROM 1

crap was proving to be of no practical use whatsoever,” said Iranian president Hassan Rouhani. “We have to stop squabbling and cooperate on important issues, like climate change, hunger and disease.”

Russia was next, as, seeking to unburden his financially ailing country from resource-draining conflicts with the Ukraine, Syria, Turkey and elsewhere, Russian President Vladimir Putin consented to binding arbitration supervised by mediator Sondra Schaub. “That wasn't too tough,” Schaub said after the peace treaties were signed. “За хозяйку этого дома!” Putin proclaimed.

On hearing the positive outcomes, North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong-Un demanded inclusion in the process, but was told he'd have to wait until a situation with neighbors throwing dog poop at each other over a disputed driveway easement in Sunny Brae was cleared up. humboldtmediationservices.org

Lisa? Lisa?! | MIA ▶ FROM 1

has attracted scores of bets on how many months will pass before the next Lostbacher sighting. He also admits he hasn't posted a press release about her in 15 months. Veeps and deans complain that retired Presidents Enrichmond and Macaroon appear more often in local newspapers and on television than Lostbacher does.

There are suspicions she is hiding in fear of a no-confidence vote. But ever upbeat, Pangloss exulted in an interview with the *Lumberslack*, the alleged student newspaper widely recognized as a pastiche of vapidly and inaccuracy, “There can't be a no-confidence vote against a Virtual President!”

Roundabout

▶ FROM 1

along Arcata's new town-spanning trail.

A series of interpretive signs and peace poles will both educate users and slow their velocity, while burrito bars staffed around the clock by RSVP/VCOR volunteers are to be located every quarter-mile along the trail to help users keep up their strength.

Each burrito station will include a field vape lab, a small tunic display and portable changing room, plus a well-stocked Little Free Library to entice passersby to “stop and smell the Trillium,” as a city brochure puts it.

Culinary advocacy group HUMMETH has offered to aid the effort with a supply of what it termed “inhalants.”

Food: seriously, we're just so over it

Jayda Jing-Jing

EYE CORRESPONDENT

ARCATA –The Co-op, Wildberries Marketplace and Safeway are seeing business plummet as locals join the nationally growing “Food Is Not The Boss Of Me” movement.

“Food is just so last year,” says local bar-owner Aimee Highnessy. “Liquor is the new food.” Humans, tired of the ceaseless toiling involved in all levels of food production, have begun putting down their forks and turning to other, less irksome past-times, such as starvation and death.

“It's just so exhausting,” complains Highnessy, surrounded by nodding supporters. “Not just once, but three times a day, eternally, humans are faced with the

t tediously boring and expensive task of not only shopping for, but then preparing food. The ultimate insult? Not only consuming, but then cleaning up after. What is this prison of nourishment we have all so carefully constructed? Off with the shackles of Overlord Food!”

To capitalize on the trend, local restaurants have started offering “Nothing” small plates in effort to entice back consumers.

“I mean, I hate food,” reports local chef Darius Bortman, self-described master of “homeopathic cuisine.” “This empty plate thing couldn't have come soon enough. My kitchen has never been so clean, and now there's lots of room for my tunic wardrobe.”

However, some locals worry that there could be unforeseen consequences from deliberate mass starvation. “What will happen to the local economy?” worries Councilman Mark Wheatley. “Stoners and their snack consumption, along with normal humans eating enough to stay alive, really pumped a lot of dollars into our rural economy. Where will the jobs come from to replace that industry?”

Some economists predict that hospitals and mortuaries will go a long way towards filling the gap. “We've had to take on seven more embalmers,” says local mortician I. P. Freely. “At this rate, we predict huge employment growth throughout the local markets.”

McKinley, meet McKinlay

Town crier hired

Poochie D’Urbodrome
EYE CORRESPONDENT

ARCATA PLAZA – A cost-effective solution to ridding Arcata of its loathed “dead white male” has been found.

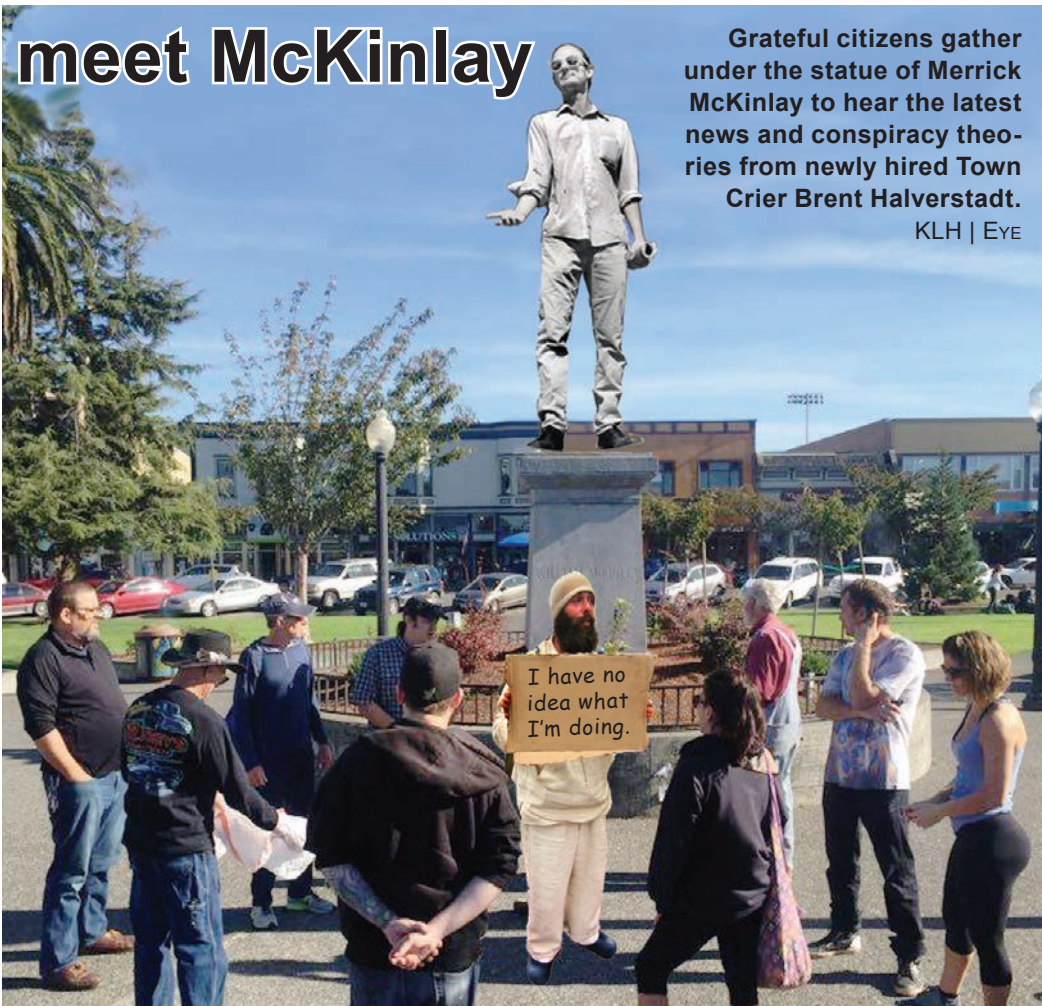
Meet the new McK – Arcata über-hipster and very-much-alive white male Merrick McKinlay.

Now that the original statue of William McKinley has melted away from the sheer intensity of the stinkeystares of his detractors, the only modifications needed will be to the statue’s base.

The dedication naming statue donor George Zehndner will be covered over with artisanal cardboard from Dan Hauser’s exclusive collection, with an “A” to be pasted over the “E” in the last name.

In addition, a helpful interpretive plaque stating that everyone in town is basically a selfish, racist jerk will be placed at the statue’s base.

Since the city was only able to raise \$39,999 of the \$40,000 required to replace the statue with a new bronze figure, the effort collapsed. But McKinlay has gallantly agreed to stand motionless atop the pedestal in the old McK’s classic stance 14 hours per day.



Town Crier Brent promised to stop by several times per day to regale McKinlay with the latest sinister City Hall/Arcata Eye/CIA/Coldwell Banker/fluoride conspiracies against dandelions.

Prior to its succumbing to withering gazes and melting into the ground last week, the statue of William McKin-

ley had sported an odd, even “mod” look. His stolid bronze flanks were clothed in a paisley overcoat, with bell bottom pants and Beatle boots.

A Nehru jacket collar peeked up from under his peace symbol-encrusted fringe vest. That fashion formerly-forward effort had been a last-ditch effort by the His-

Grateful citizens gather under the statue of Merrick McKinlay to hear the latest news and conspiracy theories from newly hired Town Crier Brent Halverstadt.
KLH | EYE

torical Sites Society of Arcata to contemporize the glowering president, and stave off accusations that he was a tragically unhip throwback.

“We just dug deep in our closets and pulled out the grooviest garments,” said Carolyn Otis. “We thought Bill looked way outasite when we were done.”

Tavern Row refashioned as ‘Alcohol Innovation Zone’

Ronnie DeSillers
EYE CORRESPONDENT

ARCATA – The Arcata City Council last week took initial steps toward creating an “Alcohol Innovation Zone” along Tavern Row, the strip of bars along Ninth Street on the Plaza’s north side.

“On visiting the site, we received multiple indications that alcohol offers medical benefits, and may qualify for a zoning overlay,” said Barry Flotzer, community development director.

“Frequent users say ‘It’s good for what ails you,’ and use terms like ‘hair of the dog that bit you’ in recommending alcohol as a hang-over cure,” Flotzer said.

“We feel further research is needed,” he quipped, making an exaggerated raising-a-glass gesture and earning appreciative snorts and guffaws of laughter from council

and ausience members alike.

Potential innovations aired during the council session included:

- Smokable alcohol, possibly dispensed at the Bigfish Vape Lab

- Artisanal edibles such as rum cakes, beer bread and Malort kale

- Special cushioned tunics to soften the inevitable earthward plummet at night’s end

- Retractable cigarette butts via “ciggy leashes” – rubber strands that outside smokers would be required to wear, connecting any cigarettes to their pinky finger via a three-foot lead. Any attempt to flick the butt into the gutter would make it instantly rebound back up into the person’s face amid a shower of painful sparks.

“We think it will be popular,” Flotzer opined. “Compliance should be high.”

Tunics | Big Tunic pushback

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plause from the audience, its seats filled with local tunicians. They’d been given two hours off from their swing-shift at the many tunic factories off West End Road in order to attend the meeting.

“I for one welcome our new tunic overlords,” said Councilmember Mark Wheelley, sporting a hemp-woven model with a jaunty sash. “I’m proposing that Arcata be renamed “Tunic Town.”

At that, Wheelley’s voice was drowned out as the audience, then the council rose to their feet in thundering cheers and applause.

When the group chant of “Tu-NICK!” “Tu-NICK!” Finally died down, the torrent of tunic talk took a troubling turn as local business community reps spoke out.

“While we appreciate the many jobs and contributions of Big Tunic, some members of our board feel it’s unwise to become over-reliant on one industry to sustain the town’s economy,” said Joellen Clark-Peterson, executive director of the Arcata Chamber of Commerce. “Let’s face it, tunic titans can pay the kinds of rents and salaries and catered events few other local employers can match,” she added as the sound of tunics rustling uncomfortably filled the chamber.

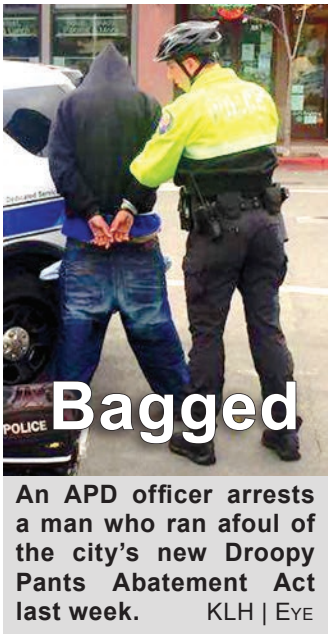
“Our members object to the requirement to add tunic sales to their business,” said Arcata Main Street’s Nancy Stephenson. “Some have complained about roving gangs of ‘tunic toughs’ swarming their stores.”

However, the terrible

tide of tunic totalitarianism seemed all but unstoppable, as the tunic lobby’s charitable contributions gained the iconic garment fresh prominence around town.

The marsh has been renamed the Arcata Marsh, Wildlife and Tunic Sanctuary, while the waterway separating Arcata and McKinleyville has been upgraded to the Mad River of Tunictopia.

A first-of-its-kind “Mixer in the Wild” has been scheduled for next Thursday at the Hammond-Tunic Bridge, hosted by the Rotary Club of Arcata Tunic. Catering will be provided by Wildtunics Marketplace.



An APD officer arrests a man who ran afoul of the city’s new Droopy Pants Abatement Act last week. KLH | EYE

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New sculptures installed

Fresh public art now adorns Arcata's streetcorners, thanks to the Parks and Rec Committee and HSU's Sculpture Lab. This piece, located near BitterSweet, is titled "Water Works," and is intended as "a metaphor for California's janky water supply system."





Above, "Four Bolts," located at Eighth and H streets, "reveals a society unattached to its foundations," while "FREE," right, aggregates found objects into "a damning indictment of obsolescence."





"Shitstorm," above, is located at Seventh and J streets and "narrates the disposability of modern society," while "Glurpsnod," right, at Sunny Brae Center, "encapsulates U.S. foreign policy." PHOTOS BY KLH | EYE





April's Arts! Arcata



This month's Arts! Arcata reception will be another "Mixer in the Wild," held at the Arlington Overhead on West End Road. There, artists have plastered the walls with an array of colorful new murals. Right, city officials plan the event's party favors, which include empty nitrous oxide canisters and wet Doritos, all unknowingly provided by Valley West stores. KLH | EYE



Scandal | Manila

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"We will spare no effort to get to the bottom of this, wherever it leads," Lynch said. "We will leave no whisk unturned."

House Republicans immediately denounced the administration for what they called a "whitewash" intended to distract from confiscation of firearms and revocation of the Second Amendment. "They start with chafing dishes and soon they'll be taking away the Howitzers and land mines we need to defend our families," said Rep. Armand Armament, (R-Militia).

Meanwhile, congressional hearings on the chafing dish crisis expanded to include spatulas, cheese graters and at least one oven mitt.

A clearly distraught Manila Community Services District Board member Dendra Dengler testified last Wednesday before the House Select Committee on Manila Chafing Dishes, forcefully declaring "There are things missing that were bought with grants."

Wednesday's hearing marked the 13th in a series of Congressional investigations which have rocked our nation's capitol for more than a year now, as lawmakers seek to get a clear inventory of items such as butter trays, bundt pans, ice chests, plastic coffee cup lids and chafing dishes at the Manila Family Resource Center when management was transferred to Redwood Coast Montessori.

Committee Chair Trey Gowdy (R-Head Up His Ass) expressed his resolve to get to the bottom of the issue. "We will not rest until we have tracked down exactly what happened to those chafing dishes," he said. "For America!"

First Aquapot harvested



It's harvest time at the Arcata Marsh, Wildlife and Tunic Sanctuary, as the first crop of genetically engineered "Aquapot" is collected and brought ashore. The aquatic form of cannabis has proven a perfect match for the marsh, which was recently included in the city's Medical Marijuana Innovation Zone. This year's harvest is described as "extremely dank." In a coincidental development, activist group GMO Free Humboldt announced that it is softening its stance on biotechnology, stating in a press release that "there could be certain limited instances of usefulness." KLH | EYE



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SPACE DUCK

JUST DUCKY After decades of acrimonious debate, the Arcata City Council replaced the defested statue of William McKinley at the center of the Plaza with an effigy of David Kelley Woodworking's beloved mascot, Space Duck. The McKinley statue will be relocated to the top of the McKinleyville Totem Pole. Comments can be directed to David Kelley Woodworking at (707) 616-0534. dkcustomdesign.com LL | UNION

Cabin | Right there all along

FROM 1

parently inhabited.

"Talk about hiding in plain sight," Scown said. "I guess I just never really looked in that area before."

Scown called in Park Ranger Heidi Groszman, and the two entered the stealthy domicile. Inside, they found a young couple who said they'd been living there for three months.

The Plazoid homesteaders, Hamburglar and Turnip, subsisted on food and liquor jettisoned by fleeing shoplifters like the one just nabbed, and raking in cannabis nugs that drop from the daily hordes of saggy-panted slumpabouts. "Dewd, like I was ready to like, pounce on that lemon pie," Hamburglar admitted to Scown in a mewling cannabis drawl.

The "little house on the squarey," as Turnip calls it, is built from upcycled scaffolding that had apparently never been taken down after the construction of the McKinley statue in 1906. That's another detail that had gone unnoticed, though not by the young back-to-the-landers.

"We like to turn found objects into life fulfillment," Turnip said.

Groszman said APD would return at some point to serve a Notice of Nuisance. "That is, if we can find the place again," she added. She left a trail of marijuana buds confiscated from the shack to lead back to the front door, but these were quickly snatched up by eager Plazoids.

Hamburglar didn't seem too concerned, and went off to tend his small herd of goats, penned up near his cornfield next to the palm trees and Hall of Tunics.

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- **TPZ** – Tax-free Pot-growing Zone. A land-use designation where people can grow weed while letting everyone else pay their property taxes for them
- **Humboldt County General Plan Update** – The General Plan provides long-term direction for the growth and development of the unincorporated areas of the county. It expresses community values and goals, and portrays the community's vision of the future *blah, blah, blah, oh, what the f**k, does anyone even give a s**t anymore?*
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MCSD board immortalized on Totem Pole

Rewarding itself for doing such a fine job running Mack Town, the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors voted unanimously during an emergency session last week to have all members' faces carved into the World's Largest Totem Pole, then painted in vibrant colors by famed local painter Duane Flatmo. Chainsaw artist Steve Saunders of Trinidad scurried up the pole and quickly carved the faces, with Flatmo following in a bosum's chair, quickly applying bright colors, and even a few pastels. Board members were pleased with the outcome. "This makes sitting through those audit reports almost worth it," said Chair George Wheeler.



Controversial mermaid exclosures installed at Clam, Little River beaches

Horsemen cry foul, claim prescriptive rights to waveslope

Dennis Mayo and Uri Driscoll inspect the mermaid exclosure recently erected at Clam Beach by Humboldt County Public Works. Spurred by warm El Nino waters, the mermaids have flocked to Clam and Little River beaches, where they are now nesting. The exclosures are designed to keep predators away from the voluptuous sea creatures. Local activists, however, say that the exclosure is unnecessary and just another attempt by the county to limit beach access. "At night, I can hear the mermaids calling me, so I get on my horse and ride down to the beach. There's no way the county is going to stop my from exercising my prescriptive rights," Mayo declared.

MCSD embraces raw sewage

New system customized for vegetarians, Paleo diet fanatics

McKINLEYVILLE – As part of its \$17 million sewer system upgrade, the McKinleyville Community Services District is now offering residents customized sewage treatment options based upon household diets.

The idea behind the innovative new program is to take a holistic approach to sewage treatment that takes into consideration not just the human waste products, but the foods that went into creating them.

McKinleyville residents can now choose between four different sewage treatment plans. The first option

is to utilize the existing system, which basically assaults, violates and beats down the sewage, until it's bombarded with chlorine then dumped in the river or sprayed on fields.

A downside of the system is that it mixes sewage from people who eat meat with sewage from vegetarians. That's been resolved with the installation of secondary lines that run parallel to the mains, with the new line dedicated entirely to vegetarian customers. Treatment at the plant will take place in separate facilities.

"Our vegetarian customers can

now be assured that the sludge and treated effluent we produce is 100 percent meat free," boasted MCSD Manager Greg Orsini. A separate line for vegans is under consideration.

Despite its sizable investment in new plumbing, the district hopes to realize overall savings from its two other sewer treatment options, one for practitioners of the Raw Food Diet, the other for Paleo fanatics.

"We're taking the principles of the Raw Food Diet and applying them to sewage treatment," Orsini said. "It's that simple." See SEWER, page 2

Collateral damage in McK's War on Gophers

McKINLEYVILLE – An entire neighborhood on the west side of McKinleyville cracked off and slumped into the ocean last week after a crew of over-exuberant workers misused the town's new Rodenator while exterminating gophers at Hiller Park.

The McKinleyville Community Services District has dispatched crews to the scene in an effort to hoist the neighborhood back into place while an investigation into exactly what went wrong takes place.

MCSD Operations Director James Henry said the problem was caused by the gross misuse of the district's new Rodenator,

a device which mixes propane and oxygen, then ignites the gas to collapse gopher tunnels at the Hiller Sports Complex.

"They were supposed to turn on the gas, count to 10, then ignite it," Henry explained, tugging nervously at his tunic.

However, even after overcoming that daunting mathematical challenge, while turning on the gas last Saturday, the crew got into a heated debate over the MCSD's new holistic sewage treatment program.

It's unclear whether the gas flowed into the gopher tunnels for 30 seconds, one minute or two minutes.

"They completely lost track of time," Henry said.

When they ignited the gas, there was a long rumbling sound, the ground shook and suddenly a crack appeared running north and south parallel to U.S. Highway 101.

Then, *thunk!* The westerly neighborhood dropped.

But Henry is optimistic that the neighborhood can be saved, with some community help.

"We're collecting jacks right now – floor jacks, screw jacks, heck, even car jacks. Bring them to the district office. We're going to lift up the west side of town," he said.



Oops. A stunned MCSD crew surveys the damage caused while exploding gopher tunnels.

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Welcome Home to the McK Press

The mighty *McKinleyville Press* is back! This may come as a shock to some readers, who perhaps became accustomed to reading the *Mad River Union* since the first edition hit the streets in October 2013. However, there are a few things that readers may not be aware of.

First, when Kevin L. Hoover came up with the idea of creating the *Mad River Union*, which he described as a “union of the *Arcata Eye* and the *McKinleyville Press*,” I thought we were creating a labor union. Even though I was the owner of the *Press*, I thought that creating a union would somehow improve my pay and benefits. By the time I figured out that the papers were actually merging, we had already signed the partnership agreement and paid the attorney in cash and tunics, so it was too late to back out.



Then began the *Mad River Union* years. At first it was smooth sailing. But then came along Brent Halverstadt, Arcata’s new town crier. The *Union* was well positioned to compete against print media and online news sources, but this town crier medium was completely unexpected. Brent is out there on the streets, providing news updates and gobs of commentary, almost 24/7.

The *Union*, as well as the *Times-Standard* and *Lost Coast Outpost*, suffered as advertisers flocked to the town crier.

We rallied to compete, and even came up with a new idea to build a telegraph line linking Arcata, McKinleyville and Eureka. The idea was connect the communities and provide a way to quickly transmit information. Massive financial investments were made, but the telegraph wire was plagued with technological malfunctions, and we had difficulty finding employees who could translate Morse code.

In the end, with our bank accounts drawn and debts rising, we decided it was time to pull the plug and retreat back to our roots.

So welcome back to the *McKinleyville Press*. We’re proud to offer more typos than newspapers twice the size, but for half the cost. We’ll soon be recruiting high school students, parolees and fugitives to make this newspaper great again. For America!

NWJ discovers Fountain of Youth

HUMBOLDT – The *North Weed Journal*, chief trade publication of Humboldt’s marijuana industrial complex, has captured an historic scoop confirming cannabis is in fact the long-lost Fountain of Youth.

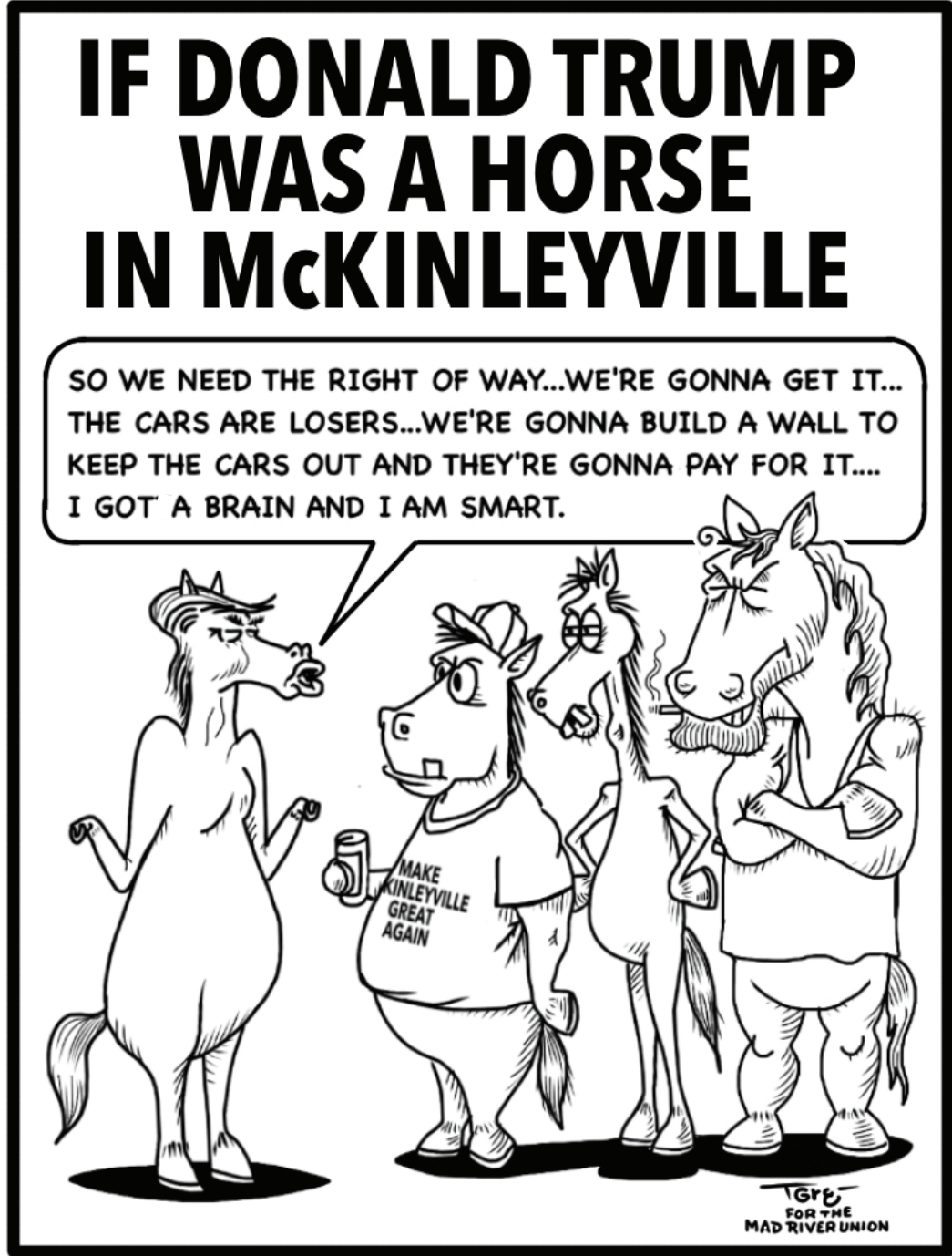
Winner of the prestigious Horticultural Journalism Prize for Distinguished Weed Propaganda, *NWJ* Publisher Judy Go-Green warmly thanked local growers for supplying the advertising revenue to finance the Journal’s costly investigation, which followed from the explorations conducted by the conquistador Juan Ponce de León in Florida in about 1535.

Go-Green said in a self-congratulatory editorial that in fact the paper’s “Week in Weed” columnists had capitalized on a tip from the Greek historian Herodotus, who spoke of marijuana’s curative powers as a source of eternal youth, spurring Ponce de León’s exploration.

The *NWJ*’s breakthrough story refutes federal claims that weed causes cognitive dysfunction, respiratory disease and potential psychosis.

“We are proud to be the industry’s leading propagandist and our discovery that pot is the real Fountain of Youth proves that we have been right in our permanent refusal to cover any of the fictional accounts issued by federal health agencies claiming that marijuana can damage one’s health,” Go-Green said.

She expects the discovery to boost tourist traffic into the billions, bolstering the *NWJ*’s horticultural income and commitment to impartial news coverage.



McK horses demand right of way

MCKINLEYVILLE – Traffic was blocked last Sunday on Central Avenue in McKinleyville as an unruly herd of agrieved horses took to the streets to protest what they call “a blatant and unconstitutional power grab.”

“We were historically guaranteed the right of way,” neighed local stallion Rex Bane. “All we want is what’s on the !^%&^\$ sign”.

Over 200 local horses amassed, disrupting traffic and dirtying streets, some carrying signs and others, more menacingly, carrying broken bottles and chains.

“If we don’t get back our right of way, we’re prepared to TAKE it back,” threatened Judy’s Delight, a 3-year-old Palomino.

Local authorities managed to disperse the mostly peaceful protest back to their corrals. 3 charges of Drunk In Public were issued.

Pathetic has-been newsman paid to leave town

ARCATA – Kevin Hoover has come a long way since the *Arcata Eye* days of being chained to a computer in a dark Jacoby’s Storehouse office for years on end. Now, he’s setting out on a Pacific Crest Trail hike for charity that will take him out of town for four months, and all Arcata is wildly enthusiastic about the prospect.

“My wilderness trek has clearly captured the public’s imagination, if the donations are any indication,” Hoover said.

The hike’s supporters confirm this. “I can pay that a#^%& to leave town, and help little kids get their bad teeth fixed at the same time?” said one delighted downtown businessperson. “Where’s my checkbook? Where are all my checkbooks?”

While Hoover’s far-flung hike seems like a good idea to everyone, a citizen seated behind him at last week’s City Council meeting reports looking over his shoulder and seeing him book a stay at a luxurious Acapulco resort during the same time period he says he’ll be on the PCT.

Asked about the coincidence, the flustered newsman said, “Hike? What.. oh, right, *that* big Pacific Coast Trail hike. Right, I can’t wait. To go hiking.” He then went back to his computer, adding Bermuda shorts and Hawaiian shirts to his Amazon shopping cart.

Destination aside, the old boy seems in need of a break.



Kevin Hoover, center, wearing glasses and a hat, below and to the right of the upper left hand corner of the photo, with a woman on one side and a woman on the other side, is shown here in happier times.

He’s frequently seen brandishing well-worn newspaper clippings from 2009, when the *Arcata Eye*’s grow house coverage drew the interest of major newspapers and TV networks.

“Look,” he pleaded to one passerby. “I was quoted in the *London Sunday Telegraph*! Fox News even called me Steve Hoover!”

The pathetic spectacle of the tunic-clad Hoover’s trying to re-live the glory days is topped only by the annoyance of citizens and the police department alike over his endless “investigations.” These involve prowling through garbage cans in Arcata neighborhoods in search of grow house evidence.

A recent journalistic foray through the Westwood neighborhood left Stewart Avenue awash in overturned trash bins, with pawed-through garbage strewn all over the street. “Look!” said an altogether too-excited Hoover, clutching a scrap of a magazine with what looked like a some dried pickle relish and a coffee stain on it.

“If you hold it up to the light, it looks like the Zig Zag man!” He exclaimed. “*This must be a grow house!*”

His subsequent call to Police Chief Tom Chapman went unheeded, however, as Arcata’s top cop saw the name on his caller ID and just let the phone ring.

“First, I never answer the phone while I’m knitting,” Chapman explained, pointing to a rack of Little Bo Peep-themed tunics he’s been crafting in his City Hall office.

“Second, Kevin means well, but the other day he saw a cloud shaped like a doobie, and wanted us to arrest the sky,” Chapman complained. “So we’ve had to take... *measures*.” He directed further inquiries to City Attorney Nancy Diamond.

“It’s a little unusual for a police department to take out a restraining order against a citizen,” Diamond said. “But given the nature of the case, we feel it’s justified.”

Sewer: A new life-affirming way to treat waste

Continued from page 1

Proponents of the Raw Food Diet say that cooking and processing food kills enzymes, reduces nutritional value and kills the food’s inherent “life force.” The same thing happens when

sewage is mechanically treated.


“Treatment kills microbes and bacteria. When we treat sewage, we’re killing it,” Orsini said.

Raw Diet practitioners can now opt for a natural, life-affirming treatment method, in which toilet, shower and sink waste is simply discharged onto front lawns, where the waste will naturally biodegrade, or wash away through storm drains or ditches.

One of the first to sign up for the program was Ruth Turdich, a resident of the Heartwood subdivision.


“I absolutely love it,” Turdich said. Despite suffering some unexplained gastrointestinal issues since signing up, Turdich said the system works great. “I’ve lost weight, my immune system is getting boosted, and my lawn is lusher and greener than ever before,” she said.

The Paleo option is even simpler. An MCSD crew shows up, disconnects your sewer and water system, and drops a massive rock in your yard. When it’s time to go, homeowners get behind the Rock and take care of business. Hands can be wiped on the rocks, which will eventually develop a smooth sheen.



Meet Chris Smith, a recently released yardbird and overall slippery eel, the most recent graduate of Plaza Grill’s Criminal to Café program. “I’ve never felt so fancy fancy free,” Smith reports.

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Peace finally at hand in McK


Historic talks began last Sunday in the McKinleyville High Multipurpose Room. “The bloodshed has gone on long enough,” said Mack High Senior Buford aGoGo, who lost two limbs in last years’ infamous Spring Break Intifada. “It’s time to admit we have the better wrestling team and they have the better football team, and move on with our lives.” Both battle-scarred sides look forward to reaching an accord and carrying on with normal high school activities.

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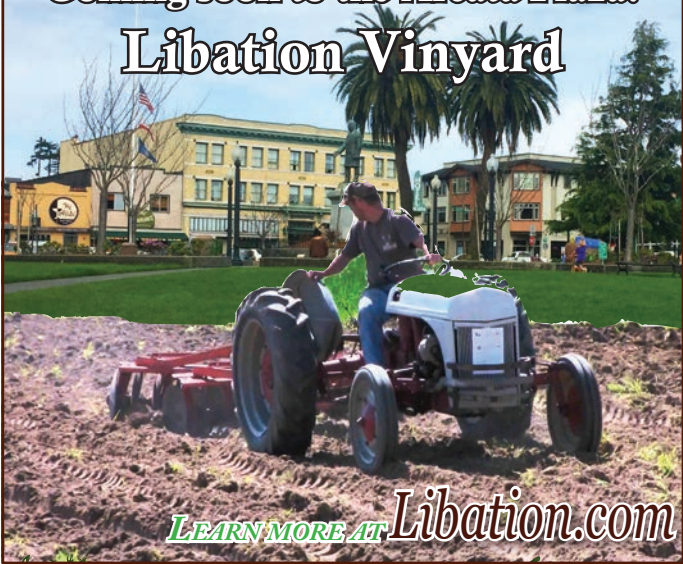
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Teacher assures students that Trump is not Hitler

McKINLEYVILLE – A history teacher at McKinleyville High School has assured her students that Donald Trump’s presidential campaign is nothing at all like the rise of the Third Reich in 1930s Germany.

“That was, like, 80 years ago!” said teacher Lerna Lessin, speaking to her World History 102 class. “It could never happen here.”

Lessin’s class had been studying the events that led to World War II, including the rise of Hitler’s Third Reich, which prompted



This ain’t your daddy’s Hitler.

inevitable questions from students about the glaring similarities with Trump’s campaign.

“It’s a really simplistic comparison to make” said Lessin, dismissively, “but

once you understand the context of Germany in the ‘30s, the differences couldn’t be more stark.”

“First, that was Germany and this is America” said Lessin. “That should be, like, end of story right there!”

“Second,” she continued, “Hitler blamed Jews, Gypsies and Communists for the nation’s ills. Trump blames Muslims, Mexicans and Obama. It’s totally different!”

Lessin kept going. “Hitler was a brash, loud-

mouthed megalomaniac with bad hair and a tiny moustache. Trump is a brash, loud-mouthed megalomaniac with bad hair and tiny hands. No moustache!”

Lessin sighed. “I could go on all day!”

“But I think the most profound difference is that, with Hitler, we know how it ends” she thoughtfully observed. “With Trump, who knows how this will play out?”

“I mean, it’s not like we could learn from history or anything.”

Berserk bunny chomps toddlers

McKINLEYVILLE – Havoc was wreaked on Easter Sunday in McKinleyville as an Easter Sunday pageant went horribly awry. Babes and parents congregated in the McKinleyville Shopping Center, armed only with baskets, were terrified when a human-sized bunny ran out of Ramone’s yelling egg-related epithets and hurling blood-spattered Peeps.

The fanged beast, who local authorities diagnosed as rabid, ran riot under the totem pole attempting to make off with the most plump and succulent toddlers.

Police, aided by Supervisor Ryan Sundberg dressed in his Easter best, managed to Tase the hysterical hare into submission and take him to the local animal shelter, where he awaits treatment and eventual adoption.

“I think after a good rest he’ll make some lucky kid a great pet,” said Sundberg. “Everyone has their bad days, even anthropomorphic Hallmark animals.” Six children and two adults were treated for minor injuries at Mad River Hospital.

Man with 5,000 Facebook friends dies friendless

McKINLEYVILLE – Despite having more than 5,000 friends on Facebook, McKinleyville resident Norm DePlume died lonely and alone last Tuesday. Only one person attended the memorial service.

DePlume was well known on Facebook as an ever-present social maven who seemed to know everyone, though no one could recall ever actually meeting him in real life. His Facebook page was always current with the most up-to-date memes and click-bait links, carrying headings like “What he did left everyone shocked!” or “When she starts to sing, everyone is stunned!” or simply “You won’t believe what happened next!” He harvested likes and turned them

into friend requests, quickly amassing a following of some 5,420 Facebook friends.

DePlume appears to have died from a severe vitamin D deficiency; a result of never having gone outside into the sunlight. His body was discovered by a neighbor who noticed that DePlume’s 17 cats had not been fed for days.

A pre-arranged memorial was held at Azalea Hall on Sunday. Despite over 5,000 “friends,” the only attendee was a paid mourner from UK-based Rent-A-Mourner, a company which offers to “increase visitor numbers” by supplying “professional, discreet people to attend funerals and wakes.” DePlume’s friends were surprised by the news

of his passing.

“I didn’t know he died,” said longtime Facebook friend Sue Denim. “He didn’t post anything about it.”

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Bullock trial goes to defense

(Warning: This story contains graphic descriptions that may disturb some readers. – Ed.)

Paul Mann

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EUREKA – Gary Lee Bullock’s murder trial has entered its defense phase, as Deputy Public Defender Kaleb Cockrum attempts to prove “by a preponderance of the evidence” that his client was legally insane when he allegedly killed Father Eric Freed on New Year’s Day 2014.

In this context, “preponderance” means it is more likely than not that Bullock was insane.

Cockrum’s task is to refute the state’s argument that Bullock’s repeated attempts to destroy evidence and cover-up the murder are proof *prima facie* that he understood his acts and rationally sought to conceal them – ergo, he was sane, not insane.

Cockrum is expected to offer the 10-woman, two-man jury psychiatric reports and Bullock’s history of drug abuse in defense of his client.

Deputy District Attorney Andrew Isaac
BULLOCK ❖ B4

County parks struggling

Supes may raise fees, but reject closing or selling parks

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – An increase to the county parks budget has been approved to get the department through the current fiscal year but more definitive actions will be considered during an upcoming bud-

get process.

Though closure and sale of parks is mentioned in a written staff report as a budget-balancing option, county supervisors are reluctant to pursue it.

Other measures suggested in the staff report include discontinuation of servic-

ing to the portable bathrooms at Moonstone Beach and charging day use fees at Clam Beach and Mad River county parks.

The struggle to maintain operation of county parks facilities was described to the Board of Supervisors at its March 22

PARKS ❖ B4



ANNUAL EGG HUNT Hundreds of children turned out for the annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday at the McKinleyville Shopping Center. The weather was a little dicey, but that didn’t damper the participants’ enthusiasm.

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State weighs options for Last Chance

Paul Mann

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EUREKA/CRESCENT CITY – In consultation with the public, state transportation officials are evaluating emergency construction plans that would deal with a potentially catastrophic roadway failure along the Last Chance Grade Complex south of Crescent City.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposals range in price from \$320 million to \$1.6 billion,

HIGHWAY ❖ B4

❖ GREEN RUSH

CEO: Cannabis needs mega research

Paul Mann

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – The North Coast’s marijuana industrial complex must have a structured research, testing and development bedrock if consumers are to have disease- and toxin-free cannabis products.

That is the judgment of Rick Crum, the CEO of a fledgling, non-profit Arcata company, Humboldt DNA. Crum plans to establish a cannabis biotechnology laboratory in Arcata’s proposed Medical Marijuana Innovation Zone (MMIZ) that would ensure safe seeds, gardens and nurseries.

The lab would specialize in disease identification and establish a cannabis plant pathology database, showing what pathogens are prevalent in seed and nursery inventories.

Because such research is virtually non-existent, Crum avoids using the loaded word “viruses” in favor of the broad term Putative Cannabis Infectious Agents (PCIA), which he calls “a huge category” of missing knowledge and study.

PCIA include infections that growers are not even aware of, he says. “There’s just no work done on this and that’s our advocacy standpoint.”

Crum maintains that Humboldt DNA’s research would support safe, non-GMO biotechnology practices and provide medical cannabis nurseries and patients with access to clean stock and clean medicine.

The requisite technology is well developed, he says, and already applied in agricultural industries as diverse as bananas, grapes, hops, potatoes and strawberries.

Legally, his proposed laboratory would operate within the state’s Proposition 215 medical guidelines.

“It is imperative that we quickly develop this technology for cannabis,” Crum asserts. The removal of widespread, systemic diseases would enable farmers to produce cleaner medical marijuana. It would secure higher yields and dramatically curb the dumping of pesticides and fungicides into streams, rivers and besieged ecosystems.

Humboldt DNA is in the midst of a

multi-year study of widespread diseases and other infectious agents that are suspected of blighting cannabis seed and nursery stock nationwide.

How many diseases and what type remain unknown, owing to the flagrant lack of research forced by the federal prohibition of cannabis, Crum said in an interview late last week in his office on the Plaza.

He believes his research will likely confirm that such infections are causing massive, and otherwise unexplained, crop losses that are mistakenly blamed on endemic mite infestations.

The losses lead black market growers to apply large amounts of industrial toxins to their crops, compounding the dangers of human consumption and environmental poisoning. Often they are ineffective and applied in vain, according to Crum.

Humboldt DNA is, in his words, “standing by to scale-up a research project to identify and remove putative virus-

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THE END OF AN ERA The last log was milled last Friday at the Sierra Pacific Industries sawmill in Manila. It was a sad day for the crew at the mill, as they prepared to shutter the entire operation, a process which should be complete in the coming month.

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DMC opens new office

Dan and Heidi Marsh, owners of DMC Construction welcomed friends, family and the business community MARCH 17 to their new location at 2620 Central Ave. in McKinleyville for a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting. DMC is a local building contractor – a tried and true local company that builds homes, additions and remodels.

This year DMC became incorporated, started two divisions and purchased its own commercial building on Central Avenue in McKinleyville. Dan and Heidi have been building locally in Humboldt for 16 years and employ 16 people. Out of the 16 people who build with

DMC, they have over 65 years of local building experience.

DMC loves supporting the community. They sponsor multiple youth sport teams, along with donating to fundraisers and charities. The Marshes have four children. Their kids play sports while Dan coaches multiple teams.

On Friday, April 1 DMC Construction will be recognized at the Chamber of Commerce Member's Choice Awards Dinner and Auction as one of the four nominees for small business of the year.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS Dan and Heidi Marsh cut the ribbon for the new DMC Construction office in McKinleyville.

PHOTO BY KARI LYN PHOTOGRAPHY

Ramone's coming to airport

FLY HUMBOLDT

MCKINLEYVILLE – Supervisor Virginia Bass and Ramone's Bakery and Café co-owner Brian Ferguson announced last week that Ramone's Bakery and Café will be opening its newest location at the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport in McKinleyville. The new Ramone's will be located at the site of the former gift shop on the terminal's ground floor. Construction will start soon.

The Ramone's announcement is further good news for the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport. Last month PenAir announced that it will start new service at the airport on April 21. The airline will provide two daily departures to Portland, Ore. and one to Redding, California.

PenAir's partnership with Alaska Airlines will mean that local passengers will again be able to book flights from the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport via Alaska. In addition, United Express continues to add to its service to San Francisco. The addition of larger United Express jets and the new PenAir service has resulted in a 78 percent increase in available seats this summer.

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GREEN RUSH

Planning Dept. swamped with pot growing permits

Daniel Mintz Mad River Union

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt county's recently-launched permitting of commercial medical marijuana operations is creating a work overload in its Planning Division. To help the division, supervisors have approved hiring five additional employees.

Approval of adding three planners and two administrative employees to the department was unanimously authorized at the March 22 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Following approval of the county's commercial medical marijuana ordinance, cultivators and others in the industry were invited to submit permit applications. That process began in late February and county Planning Director Rob Wall told supervisors that phone inquiries about the process represent \$28,000 in staff time costs and that together with the influx of applications have overloaded the depart-

ment's work capacity.

"It was made apparent by day four into our permitting program that we had received 20 percent of a year's worth of work," said Wall. "Currently, we're in an all hands on deck mode."

A written staff report states that the new staffers will cost over \$52,000 for the rest of the current fiscal year, which ends on June 30. The annual cost will be about \$286,000 and according to the staff report, the expense will be covered through permitting fees but "There may be a need for additional ongoing funding from the General Fund for activities related to medical cannabis permitting that are not covered by fees."

Supervisor Rex Bohn said the new hires represent a 15 percent increase in Planning Division staffing. He said, "It seems like a big ask all of a sudden" and noted the General Plan Update is nearing final approval.

But Wall said the de-

partment's work will intensify once the update's approved, as its programs and policies will go through an implementation phase.

In recent years, the Planning Division has improved its permit processing and Supervisor Estelle Fennell said she doesn't want the marijuana permitting to interfere with that.

"We have really worked hard to provide an improved level of service to the public in general, on other issues aside from cannabis," said Supervisor Estelle Fennell. "I don't want this sudden rush of permit applications to take away from that level of service."

Supervisor Ryan Sundberg said he's heard that the medical marijuana permitting workload is delaying work on other permit applications.

Wall said that may indeed be happening.

"The problem with the advance planning staff that's been pulled onto cannabis is that the phone

calls are taking a lot of their time," he continued, adding that "it's not that the planners are setting (other applications) aside for cannabis permits purposely, they've just spent a lot of time on the phone and taking inquiries."

The fees associated with medical marijuana permitting are the same for any other use under the county's ministerial, special and conditional use permitting categories. Interim County Administrative Officer Cheryl Dillingham said that fees specific to commercial medical marijuana permits can be developed and adopted during the 2016 to 2017 budget process.

But some supervisors are concerned that increasing permit fees will discourage compliance with the county's new medical marijuana permitting system. Fennell recommended that the Planning Division give the board a presentation on cost and revenue conditions in the near future.

MCKINLEYVILLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) will discuss a proposal to create a "mini M.I.S.T." program in McKinleyville when it meets today, March 30 at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. The M.I.S.T. (Mobile Intervention Services Team) now operates in Eureka and combines law enforcement and social services to help homeless people. The McKMAC may weigh in on the idea and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The McKMAC will also discuss a proposed cannabis excise tax and will hear a presentation from Public Works on the Airport Layout Plan. The meet is open to the public and time is set aside for input.

Marijuana | Testing for pot purity

FROM A1

es, systemic powdery mildews and insect infestations from the clone and seed supply."

Crum appealed to the county Board of Supervisors in January to proffer a research permit ordinance in concert with pending state Assembly bill AB 1575. The Assembly language would permit the possession and purchase of marijuana for use by legitimate research institutions, enlarge the medical marijuana industry's access to financial services and clarify that licensees can operate as either a profit or non-profit business or both.

Crum's pitch to the board was that disease-free harvests would enable farmers to make more money and "Humboldt-branded cannabis [to] hold onto to its world-class title."

He added one other sweetener: disease-free genetics in legitimate grows would provide a competitive incentive to black market profiteers to shift to compliance and obtain clean nursery stock. Burdens on law enforcement would ease as a concomitant, Crum advocates.

The need for the large-scale, systematic research he proposes is broadly documented by national think tanks like the Brookings Institution and the RAND Drug Policy Re-

search Center (*Union* Jan. 27).

They agree that the necessary science to establish the benefits and risks of cannabis consumption is far behind the momentum for legalization, as in the proposed Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) ballot measure in California this November.

Scientists decry Uncle Sam's prohibition as counterproductive, because it rules out the concerted study required to ensure public safety and confirm whether medical marijuana does in fact have the therapeutic properties long attributed to it, either by experience or folk superstition rather than by empirical science.

What is more, the fungicides, pesticides, rodenticides and other toxins used by black market growers, whose residues cling over to marijuana products, can aggravate the very health problems that clinical patients assume they are treating with medical cannabis.

Crum cites as an example the risk of patients unknowingly ingesting medical cannabis tainted with myclobutanil. It is the main active ingredient in the contaminant fungicide Eagle 20, "a chemical still irresponsibly used to stop powder leaf mildew." It also contaminates food and water.

A 2002 Humboldt State University alumnus, Crum laments that the

nation's cannabis prohibition blocks researchers' access to the electron microscopes necessary for research and readily available on campuses, including HSU. Universities depend heavily on federal aid and literally cannot afford to run afoul of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

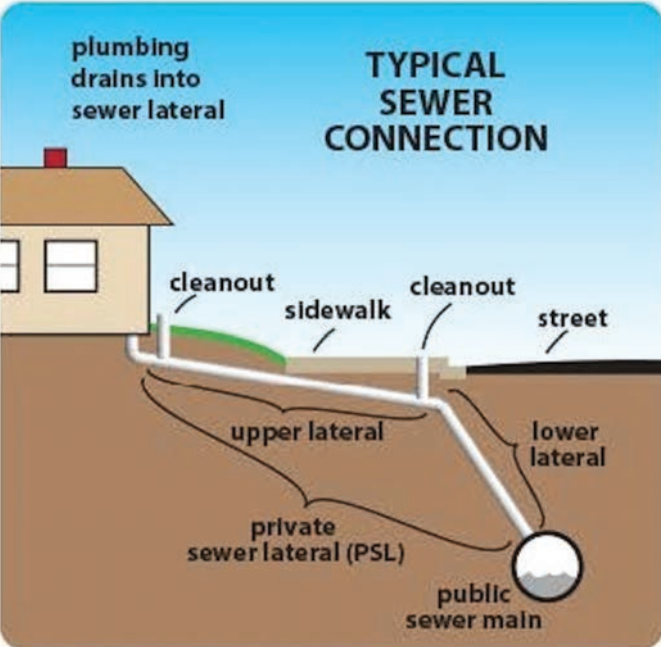
In consequence, "poisons are being dumped in our water supply because the work that needs to take place can't happen yet," Crum says.

Solving plant diseases is in the interests of every sector of the marijuana industrial complex in his view – "except the people who sell poison," he joked.

If Crum and his colleagues succeed in building their laboratory in Arcata's MMIZ, it would serve as Humboldt DNA's primary research facility, he said, aimed at fostering responsible and sustainable cannabis farming, in anticipation of expanded legalization.

In simple terms, the North Coast's marijuana industrial complex should have a companion marijuana industrial research complex, Crum believes. "And I feel strongly that not only should that exist but that should be embraced and encouraged. I feel we're underrepresented in the [industry complex] population," he says, but the good news is that "everywhere I've presented to the county [and] Arcata, they've embraced that idea; so we have momentum."

PUBLIC MEETINGS			
GOVERNING BODY	NEXT MEETING	MEETING LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
Arcata City Council Meets first & third Wednesday	Wednesday, April 6 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	cityofarcata.org
Blue Lake City Council Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, April 12 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Bulding behind City Hall	bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District Meets second & fourth Thursday	Thursday, April 28 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	humboldtby.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) Meets second Thursday	Thursday, April 14 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	hbmwd.com/meeting-schedule
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, April 5 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) Meets third Thursday	Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm
McKinleyville Community Services District (MCS D) Meets first Wednesday	Wednesday, April 6 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	mckinleyvillecsd.com
McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) Meets last Wednesday	Wednesday, March 30 at 6 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ
Trinidad City Council Meets second Wednesday	Wednesday, April 13 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	trinidad.ca.gov/city-government/city-council.html



UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT A diagram of a sewer lateral. CITY OF ARCATA IMAGE

Lateral inspections now required for sale

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – Beginning Friday, April 1, people who own older properties will need to have their private sewer laterals inspected for leaks before they can sell.

The Arcata City Council approved Ordinance 1461 last year. The ordinance includes provisions to protect creek, watershed and bay water quality by putting a routine inspection and repair system in place. The ordinance requires the inspection of sewer laterals for buildings and homes that are over 25 years old when the property is being sold or a major remodel is planned.

A significant amount of water that enters the city sewer system during wet weather comes from leaky private sewer laterals and from roof downspouts and sump pumps that drain directly into sanitary sewer laterals. The laterals, small pipes connecting a building’s plumbing to the public sewer main, corrode over time, allowing roots and rainwater to infiltrate the pipes.

Most laterals are not replaced until after the property owner experiences a sewer backup. By this time, the damage is done. Raw sewage can overflow not just into people’s homes, but into the street and waterways leading to the bay.



SPEW IN REVIEW A backed-up sewer in what the city calls “full spew.” CITY OF ARCATA IMAGE

“When the City’s sewer main network of bigger pipes can’t handle the volume of wastewater, the system can overflow or upset,” says Arcata Environmental Services Director Mark André. “That can be a public health threat because raw sewage flows to the streets and gutters, people can walk or drive through it, and it can flow into storm drain inlets that lead to creeks and ultimately to Humboldt Bay. Pumping and treating excess water that enters the sewer system via failed sewer laterals also requires energy and creates unnecessary costs to the wastewater utility.”

Sewer lateral inspections and necessary repairs must be completed prior to close of escrow. Additionally, a sewer cleanout must be installed if one is not already in place. A Private Sewer Lateral Certificate will be provided by the City Building and Engineering Department following repair or replacement of the lateral. Property owners can post a bond or deposit to allow escrow to close and get a time extension of up to one year to complete necessary repairs.

Some property sales are exempt from this new law, including when property is transferred between family members and there is no reassessment of property value and when the sewer laterals have already been repaired or replaced within 25 years.

For details on exceptions and more information about the new time of sale provision, contact the City of Arcata Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184, EServices@CityofArcata.org or the Building and Engineering Department at (707) 825-2128, Engineering@CityofArcata.org.

Read the entire ordinance at CityofArcata.org, search “Ordinance 1461.” Local plumbing firms are also familiar with the new ordinance’s requirements.

LIFE’S FINAL MYSTERY The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Humboldt will host Dr. Charles Garfield on Saturday April 9 for its Annual Meeting from 1 p.m. 4:30 p.m. The event will be held at the new Eureka campus of Hospice of Humboldt, located at 3327 Timber Fall Court. Garfield will make a presentation titled “Death, Aging and the Soul Aroused: Embracing Life’s Final Mystery.” This event is free for FCAH members and \$25 for non-members. Call (707) 822-8599 or email info@fcahum-boldt.org for more information.

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DOWNTOWN ARCATA – The City of Arcata Engineering Department has contracted with RAO Construction for concrete and asphalt improvements in Downtown Arcata.

Construction for a new, accessible sidewalk at the Eighth and H Street corner of Jacoby’s Storehouse Building will begin on Monday, April 4.

Construction will take place daily between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane during construction so expect delays or plan travel to avoid the construction zone if possible.

Around Monday, April 18, construction on the F Street sidewalk at the Arcata Ball Park will begin.

Concrete pouring at both the Ball Park and Jacoby’s Storehouse locations is scheduled for Monday, April 25.

Around Monday, May 2, F Street between Eighth and Ninth streets will be closed for asphalt paving.

All dates are weather permitting and work should be complete by the

Market Match at Farmers’ Markets

NORTH COAST GROWERS ASSOCIATION

ARCATA – The small family farmers and staff of the North Coast Growers’ Association (NCGA) are excited to begin the 2016 main farmers’ market season on Saturday, April 2 on the Arcata Plaza.

Strong winter rains mixed with many days of glorious sunshine have set farmers up for an abundant April produce selection including favorites such as artichokes, onions, salad greens, spring peas, potatoes and carrots.

Plus, locally raised meat and eggs, and a large variety of plant starts for your garden.

New and exciting for 2016 is more bang for your CalFresh buck with an increase in Market Match!

Effective immediately, customers who spend their CalFresh benefits (nationally known as SNAP and previously known as Food Stamps) at an NCGA farmers market are eligible to receive up to \$10 in extra Market Match tokens to spend on fresh produce. Previously, customers only received \$5 in Match tokens.

Market Match has proven to empower many Humboldt County low-income shoppers to make healthy food choices by overcoming financial barriers.

Market Match supports job creation, local economic development, and civic engagement by leveraging the benefits of farmers’ markets for a broader community.

Further, Market Match helps stabilize and support our rural community by providing an additional income for small farmers selling at farmers’ markets.

To participate, CalFresh customers can visit the information booth at any farmers market in Eureka, Arcata, McKinleyville, Garberville or Fortuna. Shoppers will receive Market Match tokens to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables, dollar for dollar up to \$10 of CalFresh benefits.

New for 2016, Market Match will be offered to SSI recipients as well! SSI Market Match Vouchers are available at market info booths in Eureka, Arcata and McKinleyville.

Market Match tokens and vouchers can be spent at any Humboldt County California Certified farmers’ market for fresh fruits and vegetables.



YAKS NOT INCLUDED The redesign at Eighth and H streets will result in a handicapped accessible intersection, with the crosswalk moved east several feet to line up with the entrance of Jacoby’s Storehouse. MODIFIED CITY OF ARCATA IMAGE

end of June 2016.

On the days of scheduled work, please follow all directions and traffic control devices within the project area.

If problems are encountered, please contact the contractor, RAO Construction, at (707) 443-2118, or Netra Khatri, Assistant City Engineer, at (707) 825-2173.

Hiking for good.

Dine at Abruzzi Wednesday, March 30, when 10 percent of proceeds will help make possible Mad River Union Editor-At-Large Kevin Hoover’s 2016 Pacific Crest Trail charity hike to benefit the Arcata Ridge Trail, Pacific Crest Trail and Union Labor Health Foundation Children’s Dental Angel Fund.



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Consensus backs Last Chance upgrade

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – The Caltrans initiative to shore up the Last Chance Grade complex is drawing momentum from a 20-member “Stakeholder Group” of business, tribal, environmental and county officials.

Led by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-2nd District), the organization agrees that a solution is urgently needed and that existing maintenance and repair measures are by no means a permanent fix.

“It is vital that an optimal solution is agreed upon as early as possible to avoid having to select the solution under the pressure of an emergency or catastrophic event,” the group says in a white paper Huffman circulated after the group’s first five meetings.

Despite that sense of urgency, Caltrans estimates it will likely take eight years to complete the environmental analyses. The agency is required by the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act to study alternatives and determine the potential environmental impacts of each before making a decision on which alternative to choose.

The Stakeholders Group concedes that none of the alternatives can avoid affecting natural and cultural resources and that “tunnels, using established, proven technology, will be considered as part of all options to minimize other important impacts.”

Congressman Huffman agrees with

that conclusion; building a route around the slide area will inevitably pass through or near old growth redwoods within Redwood National and State Parks – a fact likely to trigger opposition from environmental advocates, depending on which alternative construction path is chosen.

As for a tunnel, Natalynne DeLapp-Hinton, executive director of the Environmental Protection Information Center in Arcata, one of the Stakeholders, is dubious. “It is not known whether a tunnel is even feasible,” she says.

Caltrans needs funding for further, in-depth technical studies.

“Caltrans needs to drill down to examine the depth of the slide and the geology of the hillside,” DeLapp-Hinton says. “Plus, the entry and exit points for the tunnel may still be the limiting factors. At this point in time, I am skeptical of the tunnel option, but we do not have enough information to really say one way or another.”

Caltrans concurs with Huffman and the Stakeholders that “the alternative alignments propose a difficult choice between a short bypass, with impacts to old growth redwoods, and a longer bypass with greater cost, larger footprint and its own ecological impacts.”

DeLapp-Hinton elaborated in an email. “The longer routes would likely have more impacts to vital Coho salmon spawning habitat in Mill Creek, due to the larger number of stream and creek crossings. Depending on Caltrans’ engineering designs, impacts could either be

mitigated or exacerbated. The shorter routes would have more impact on the older forest.”

As a forest protection organization, EPIC places its highest priority on the preservation of old-growth redwood forests “within the boundaries of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State and National Parks,” DeLapp-Hinton said. “Old growth redwood trees are irreplaceable and need to be treated with the utmost care and consideration. We do not support any routes that would remove any of the old-growth redwood trees within the park’s boundaries.”

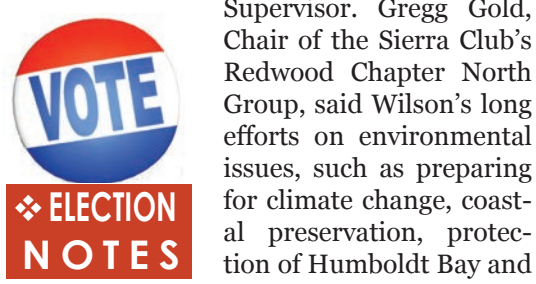
In a subsequent phone interview, she praised Caltrans District One for its openness and inclusiveness in soliciting public input and providing detailed information to all concerned. “It has turned over a new leaf in recent years,” she said.

Formed in March a year ago, the Stakeholder Group includes 20 members. In addition to EPIC, they are Del Norte and Humboldt County officials, the Yurok Tribe, Elk Valley Rancheria, the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation, Redwood National and State Parks, Caltrans, the Humboldt County Association of Governments, Save the Redwoods League, C. Renner Petroleum, the Green Diamond Resource Company and Rumiano Cheese.

“This project is not just a Caltrans project,” the group’s white paper admonishes. “The entire community needs to be invested in this planning effort to ensure the long-term safety and economy of the region.”

MOBILE HOME COALITION DINNER The Humboldt MobileHome Owners Coalition invites the public to its Spaghetti Feed and Fund Raiser to support the campaign to save affordable housing in Humboldt County. The event will be on Saturday, April 2. The first serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the second will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Ocean West Mobile Home Park Clubhouse at 1090 Murray Road in McKinleyville. Arcata Mayor,Paul Patino will be honored at the first seating and Senator Mike McGuire will be honored at the second seating. Admission fee is \$10 per plate. For information or to make a donation contact Patti at (707) 839-0588.

WILSON ENDORSED The Redwood chapter of the Sierra Club has endorsed Mike Wilson for Third District Humboldt County Supervisor.



Gregg Gold, Chair of the Sierra Club’s Redwood Chapter North Group, said Wilson’s long efforts on environmental issues, such as preparing for climate change, coastal preservation, protection of Humboldt Bay and development of a regional trail system, reinforce issues important to the group. “Mike Wilson has a history of accomplishments that reflect the goals and priorities of Sierra Club members,” Gold said, pointing to Wilson’s leadership on a variety of environmental issues such as cleaning up 3 million gallons of toxic sludge at an abandoned Samoa pulp mill in 2014. The Redwood Chapter of the Sierra Club, based in Sonoma, represents nine counties ranging from Solano County to Del Norte and Siskiyou counties.

Highway | One option is to build massive tunnel

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with \$100 million in federal emergency funds needed from Congress to get the initiative rolling.

A Project Study Report is due in July.

The Last Chance Grade (LCG) is a four-mile segment of U.S. Highway 101 just north of Wilson Creek in Del Norte County and about 10 miles south of Crescent City.

Officials say the slide-prone corridor is vital to Del Norte/Humboldt commerce and tourism. A complete failure, now or later, would cut off detours and isolate the North Coast even further.

The near-term Caltrans options are:

- A low-end reconstruction of Last Chance in-place, taking days to weeks, to rectify a small-scale slip-out that causes a minimal movement of the roadway.

- A more ambitious project to move the roadway farther from the ocean. This would be in response to a “moderate slip-out,” which hasn’t occurred to date. The existing roadway alignment would have to be changed and Caltrans would have to cut into the hillside, with an impact on old-growth redwood trees.

- A realignment in response to a large landslide that causes the roadway to collapse. That would require cutting into the hillside, however deeply, to re-position the roadway in full. In the meantime, a one- or two-lane temporary access road would allow traffic flow.

Other preliminary alternatives envision a tunnel, whose length and location would vary based on which engineering solution gets the nod.

Projected revamp lengths range from 1.3 miles to 11.7 miles, affecting as much as 330 acres of land and a number of streams.

Construction proposals call for a maximum seven percent grade and a two–lane highway with truck passing lanes. The lanes would be 12 ft. wide with 8 ft. shoulders. The design speed is listed at 55 mph. with a minimum turning radius of 1,100 ft.

Although the complex is considered safe to use for the time being, a 2000 geologic study mapped more than 200 historical and active landslides within the corridor, both deep and shallow. Landslides have moved the roadway more than 50 feet horizontally since it was realigned in 1937.

From 1981 to 2012, \$36.2 million was spent on retaining walls, roadbed overlays, drainage improvements and slip-out/washout repairs. From 1997 to 2012, the cost was \$29.3 million.

In the event of the full collapse of the geologically unstable four-mile grade, damage to the Del Norte and Humboldt County economies could reach \$130 million in lost job income and \$300 to \$400 million in reduced annual output, Caltrans estimates.

Some 3,000 to 4,000 North Coast jobs might be lost, which the precarious regional economy could ill afford.

Those potential economic losses and the fact that climate change may generate more severe storms more often make a permanent solution essential, Caltrans says.

The initiative has the broad support in principle of state

and federal legislators, including Rep. Jared Huffman (D-2nd District), as well as many North Coast agencies and tribes. Pending release of the July project study, Cal Trans hosted three town halls last week, the first at the Wharfinger Building here, followed by forums in Crescent City and Klamath.

About 60 people attended the Wharfinger briefing, where LCG Project Manager Sebastian Cohen cautioned that federal emergency relief funding allocated by Congress is limited to \$100 million dollars a year. Stringent requirements must be met to qualify, including environmental studies and permits. Improvements, for example an additional lane, are prohibited under the federal guidelines.

“It’s a pretty significant challenge, but it is a possibility,” Cohen said.

Regarding safety, he assured the audience that Caltrans operates a near-real-time monitoring system and conducts daily field inspections. It also carries out regular topographic field surveys to measure changes in elevation. Aerial tracking is conducted with the assistance of the U.S. Coast Guard and the California Highway Patrol, to monitor slope erosion and other geologic changes that might signal an imminent slide.

To buttress monitoring, Caltrans will be installing a number of web cameras and additional lighting, while also augmenting the meager power supply, Cohen said. More retaining wall repairs are in training as well.

In the meantime, the project manager added, Caltrans will have an “initiation document” ready in June. It is the baseline for requesting funding from a variety of sources, in tandem with federal emergency relief money.

Parks | Insurance went up after fatal crash

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meeting. “We are facing a wall right now with revenues not expected to meet expenditures for the next fiscal year and we’re looking at what we need to do to rectify that issue,” said county Director of Public Works Tom Mattson.

A major aspect of the deficit is insurance costs that rose from about \$6,000 in the 2013/2014 fiscal year to \$91,842 in the current fiscal year due to a 2013 fatality involving a county parks employee who was driving a county vehicle.

With the hiked insurance rate expected to continue for the next five years, a deficit will persist and Mattson said about half of it can be covered by raising overnight camping fees, implementing new day use fees at some parks and increasing reservation costs at Pamplin Grove, a western annex of Van Duzen County Park.

Mattson said a variety of options for balancing the parks budget will be up for consideration as the county formulates the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

They could include measures like not filling staff positions if they become vacant and not hiring summer help, Mattson said.

“That will have a significant effect on what the public sees in the parks,” he continued. “We do need to make some hard choices because it will be several years that we’ll have to address this cost as well as some of the collapsing infrastructure in the parks.”

For now, supervisors approved increasing the parks budget by about \$77,000, with the money coming from parks trust fund transfers and what a staff report

describes as “a more aggressive revenue estimate” than previously advanced.

The staff report’s mention of “selling or relinquishing” some county parks has triggered a sense of alarm. But supervisors acknowledged the value of county parks and discouraged closing them.

Supervisor Estelle Fennell suggested opening the floor for residents to advance their ideas on what should be done through a forum on the county’s website.

Board Chair Mark Lovelace emphasized that a variety of budget-balancing options will be on the table and decisions on them

will be discussed in the near future.

When Mattson reiterated that the insurance cost hike will persist over the next five years, Lovelace said the means of addressing it should be similarly temporary.

“In my way of thinking, when we start looking at a five-year problem, we shouldn’t be looking at permanent and irreversible changes such as off-loading parks properties,” said Lovelace.

Supervisors unanimously supported Fennell’s motion to approve supplementing the parks budget and to use the county’s website to invite residents’ feedback on how to balance it.

Bullock | Victim may have been awake

❖ **FROM B1**

rested the state’s case last Friday. He sought to persuade jurors that Bullock’s two attempts to set fire to the St. Bernard rectory where he slew Freed; his decision to throw the priest’s personal belongings off Miranda Bridge; and his attempt to conceal Freed’s car in Redway constituted the reasoned and cogent behavior of a murderer determined to escape arrest and punishment. He surrendered only when his stepfather turned him in to the authorities.

Forensic pathologist Mark Super, M.D., who has performed more than 10,500 autopsies, including 1,200 homicides, interpreted Freed’s comprehensive wounds for the jury, displaying scores of autopsy photographs, both mid-range and intense close-ups. Super, the final prosecution witness, said the cause of death was either blunt force trauma to the head, asphyxia resulting from compression of the neck

bones and cartilage or a combination of the two.

Super detailed comprehensive abrasions, contusions, bruises or fractures on Freed’s head, face, fingers and hands, underneath his wrists, up and down his arms and shoulders, on his legs, knees and ankles and on his back. Many demonstrated that the priest struggled to parry the repeated blows Bullock dealt him, the doctor testified.

Evidently Bullock used a section of white iron pipe and a wood garden stake with nails in it that he picked up as he reconnoitered the St. Bernard Catholic Church grounds before the murder.

The attack may have lasted either minutes or hours, Super estimated, but whatever its duration, Freed was certainly conscious during some of it and must have experienced pain. He did suffer enough blows to the head to knock him out, how-

ever.

Nonetheless, Isaac pursued, “Could Father Freed have been awake the whole time?”

“Yes,” Super answered.

Isaac called the catalog of wounds “global” and placed the length of broken iron pipe (with a serrated edge), the wood stake and a jagged pilsner beer glass on the railing in front of the witness chair where Super was seated.

The pathologist affirmed that the pipe might have been used to inflict ovoid lacerations and bruises on the body and that the black flecks of metal or rust left behind on Freed’s torso might have flaked off from the pipe.

Likewise, Super noted parallel track marks (like a railroad track) on the flesh that could have come from the wood stake.

Super also supported Isaac’s notion that Bullock brandished the pilsner glass to puncture a hole almost all the way through Freed’s tongue, as his assailant drove the shard into his mouth. The tip of the tongue

was torn, the pathologist testified, and the priest’s oral cavity was a bloody mass, as were his bludgeoned and bruised face and scalp, the autopsy photos showed.

The glass may have forced Freed’s tongue back down his throat, cutting off the oxygen vital to the brain, Super testified.

Under Cockrum’s cursory cross-examination, Super said Freed’s broken lower spine could “possibly” have been caused by a serious fall, rather than by blows with the iron pipe or the wood stake.

Earlier, on direct, Super had hypothesized the priest might have been choked by a forearm at his throat, with a knee in his back preventing him from escaping Bullock’s hold.

Cockrum asked desultorily if the pathologist could provide a more exact timeline for at least some of the injuries or whether anything could have been learned from the disposition of blood in the rectory’s upstairs living area, where the body was found. Super declined to speculate.

Opinion

Global Forgiveness begins here

After seven decades of living on our Mother Earth I have come to understand this: No one would do harm unless we were confused. How could we not be confused? The contradictions abound. We see them all around us and feel them within.

Who are we?!? We are stardust... we are golden. We are born with a capacity for deep compassion and enduring love. Everything in the universe is within us. This is the truth that sets us free. Free of the lies we inherited and believed.

I now know that all life is sacred. Anyone who wants to know this truth knows it. Social facades are a contradiction to this soul knowledge. But our emergencies are wearing facades thin as we are called upon to set our love free to wander and do good.

How do we call for A Global Day of Forgiveness? A global acknowledgement of all

the harm our species has done in our confusion. An agreement that if we knew then what we know now we would base our decisions in love not fear.

In the center of the Arcata Plaza is a statue honoring President McKinley. He and the system that allowed him into power is a corrupt, dominator model of governing. We can now see that basing decisions on how they would affect seven generations hence was – and will be – a good governing model.

In the southeast corner of the Plaza are three brightly painted signs. Each one has a quote on forgiveness. “Forgiveness is an attribute of the strong.” – Mahatma Gandhi. “Forgiveness is about healing the suffering for ourselves and each other.” – The Dalai Lama. “Forgiveness is man’s greatest need and highest achievement.” – Horace Bushnell.

Please imagine with me A Global Day of Forgiveness.

Maureen Kane
Arcata

LETTERS

Arcata Main Street thanks

Arcata Main Street would like to thank our community for helping celebrate our new home on the Plaza on March 10. We are encouraged and grateful that you see the same value and potential here that we do, and we’re excited to continue with all our ideas and projects in our new “office” at 761 Eighth St. (behind Libation, above Salt).

Special thanks goes to Humboldt State University’s Advanced Illustration students who submitted 11 phenomenal poster design concepts for 2016 Oyster Fest. We were not expecting so many “winners,” and we’re exploring ways to utilize more than one. Professor Brandice Guerra generously supported her students, while Amanda Freemantle and Travis have both been a huge help presenting this project.

Thanks also to the house-warming gifts from Pacific Seafoods - a bucket of fresh oysters to share with our guests - and trays of warm fritters from Salt, downstairs. PastaLuego provided tasty deli platters - Coco Maki always goes above and beyond the call as board member, caterer, and community member. The Blue Lake Casino even jumped in to help us set up a gallery of vintage Oyster Fest posters.

To all the volunteers who signed up for different projects – thank you, we’ll be calling you soon. And at the core of what we do, we appreciate strengthening ties with our downtown business friends.

Our larger office features a Community Conference space, Arcata Main Street Event & Program coordination, art collections, Arts! Arcata Previews, local information, and more. Stop by afternoons or by appointment. (707) 822-4500.

Nancy Stephenson
Events & marketing director
Arcata Main Street

Miraculous hot sauce packets pretty much encapsulate this whole project

I’ve never bought a lottery ticket, but I should have last week. I’ve gotten so much support, some lucky breaks and one outright miracle in preparing for my Pacific Crest Trail hike, which starts 27 days from now.

There was a point at which I’d decided just to do the hike without any big hoopla. But then I realized that there was no way I wasn’t going to share my experiences, so I may as well set up available media – YouTube, my blog, Instagram and all that rot – for trail access. That’s because in a way, it doesn’t seem like something has really happened until I’ve told someone about it.

When I announced that I was going on this walk across California the long way, folks began asking how they could help so I needed to establish ways for them to do so. Thinking that through, I realized that there was ambient support to be had, and that some of it could be diverted via the per-mile pledge route to some causes that are special to me. At that point, we were off and running.

A lot of difficult prep issues have resolved themselves, or more accurately, been resolved through the generosity of many folks in the community.

Things seemed to really get going when I picked an interim trail name. Apparently people can name you based on some spurious fragment of verbiage, or you can sort of defensively pick a name out so you won’t be named Raccoon Sandwich or something. I thought and thought about it, then as usual it came to me at the periphery of my consciousness.

I’ve always felt like I was in a spiral of one kind or another.

One of the current ones is that all three of my Mac computers are old, obsolete and basically dying. So I spend a lot of time looking at the spinning beach ball o’ doom – another spiral. So there it is, then. If

you see me on the PCT, just call me Spiral.

Spiraling upward are the donations, to the charities and to my trail expense fund, and the validation that comes with that. The cash contributions have been forwarded to the beneficiaries, and we still more in per-mile pledges.

Going away for four months is no small project. In several cases, major challenges were resolved almost as if by magic. At risk of not listing everyone and everything, here are some key contributions:

First, my old friend, *Arcata Union* Sports Editor Dirk Rabdau, sent me the food-protecting bear canister he used on his PCT hike a few years back. It was full of goodies and some very wry letters of advice. His wisdom and experience on numerous planning points have been invaluable, and the bear can saves me a chunk of change.



BIG AGNES Aaron Ostrom of Pacific Outfitters, me and my house for the next four months.

Then, Aaron Ostrom of Pacific Outfitters kicked down an incredibly sweet tent, a Big Agnes Fly Creek UL2. It’s lighter, tougher, more thought-out and PCT-friendly than my good old, old-school Eureka tent. Another great break.

Four months’ worth of food is a daunting expense, but Aaron Gottschalk and Amber Madrone (and of course our friend Mr. Riccord) of Wildberries Marketplace came through with a major load of

trail mix, dehydrated grub and other delicacies.

Routes to the PCT trailhead at the Mexican border are pretty well established, but complicated and inefficient time-wise. I was fully prepared to navigate all the trains and bus stations at all hours to get there, but it was not to be. One of my friends in SoCal, Scott Chatfield, has pretty much *demand-ed* that I let him transport me to the Southern Terminus, arriving right at dawn! (That will allow me several miles of hiking before the desert temps rise and require me to stop and take shade for a few hours.) Getting there at sunrise requires leaving Chatfield Manor (as Mike Keneally calls it) at 4 a.m. or something, and commits Scott to a massive drive, but his calculation is this: “It might be wretched and shitty, but it might be fun!” Well, that’s the kind of reasoning that has basically guided my whole life, so why change now?

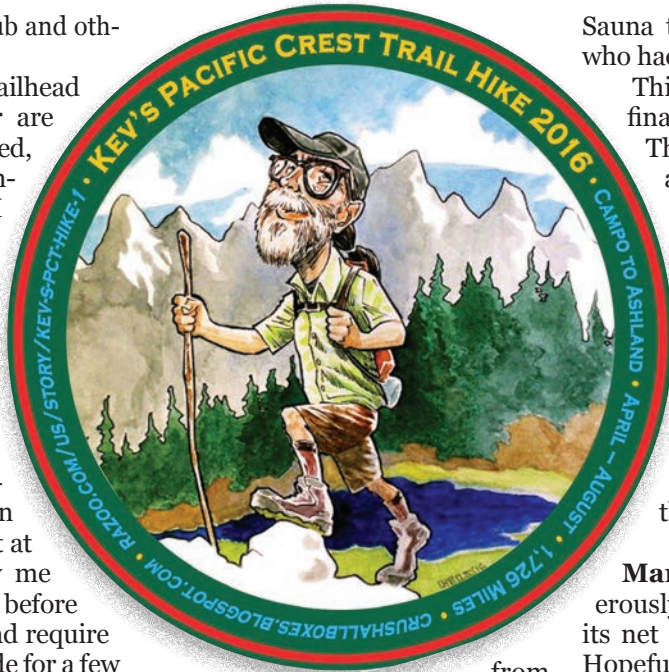
Thanks, Dirk, Aaron, Aaron, Amber, Phil, Scott and everyone else who’s kicked in one thing or another.

The warm and welcoming PCT hiking community has been embracing my little effort, with folks I don’t even know, who have a lot more experience, coming my way. A kind fellow whose trail name is Homework came to the office to interview me for the *Sounds of the Trail* podcast. That was fun, though I’m not at all confident that my naive insights into trail life will hold up over time.

Oh, about that miracle.

With so many major milestones accomplished, there is still a small army of niggling details that are proving elusive to the end. One was hot sauce packets.

I’ll be able to buy tortillas and string cheese in towns along the way. They will be viable for a few days on the trail, making possible rehydrated bean burritos. But no one wants a bland burrito. I didn’t get pro enough to dehydrate this year, and sauce packets aren’t easy to come by in the quantities I would need – not a lot, but more than I’d feel comfortable nicking



PACKET IMPOSSIBLE My miracle groundscore. KLH | UNION

Sauna tub tickets for the person who had set out the sauce.

This week’s grand effort is to finalize all the resupply boxes. There will be 14 in all, as I am going with the hybrid approach of pre-mailed items and buying things in trail towns. I still need contributions, and if you’d like to help with any food or equipment, contact me and I’ll tell you what and where to send it.

This is a huge week for the hike in terms of events.

Tonight, Wednesday, March 30, Abruzzi is generously donating 10 percent of its net proceeds to hike support. Hopefully I’ll see you there.

Thursday night, March 31 at 6 p.m. is my sendoff event in the Hotel Arcata’s Banquet Room, with pizza provided by The Jam (thanks, Pete Ciotti!). There, as the ad on page C6 notes, check out my awesome PCT hike rig, then talk trails and more with Mark Lovelace, Sunny Brae Forest pioneer; Mark Andre, Arcata Environmental Services director; Rees Hughes, author of the Pacific Crest Trailside Reader and Volunteer Trail Steward; Robert Berg, DDS, chair of the Children’s Dental Angel Fund; and Maureen McGarry, director of RSVP/VCOR. Hope to see you there, too.

Here’s still *another* serendipitous bonus: Glenn Branch, deputy director, National Center for Science Education, will be in town. He contacted the Humboldt Skeptics about giving a science talk March 31. Since I had the Hotel Arcata venue already booked for the hike sendoff, we just tacked his talk onto that. So, at 7:30 p.m., Glenn will discuss doubt and denial about climate change and how it affects science education.

All this mad whirlwind of events will, within a matter of days, result in my delivery to the Mexican border south of Campo, Calif. At that point, my life’s goals will be reduced to putting one foot in front of the other, staying healthy and making my way to Ashland while communicating the adventure to those wishing to follow it.

Here we go...

❖ **CAMPAIGN 2016** Note: From now until the June 7 election, the Union will feature weekly responses from Third District supervisorial candidates on a range of questions about issues they’ll have to deal with in office. The candidates have up to 200 words to address the questions; the responses are unedited. – Ed.

What are examples of your working successfully with others who don’t necessarily share your political values or goals?

Personally I am the type of person that recognizes the value in the diversity of perspectives. While there are extreme political views that don’t always fit well into common sense solutions, there are elements within them that can be useful.

Our community generally wants the same things such as decent jobs, a healthy environment, and recreational opportunities. As long as we insist that one aspect of our community should not oppress another, we are fine. There usually is a middle ground that we can all work with.

I was proud to be a charter member of the Horse Mountain Trail Alliance. We brought forward a proposal to the Forest Service to develop trails and infrastructure. That led to a gathering on the mountain of some 80

people from many diverse interests. Birders, mountain bikers, horsemen, native plant enthusiasts and hikers all came together to improve our recreational opportunities.

As current chairman of Arcata’s Open Space and Agriculture Committee we are continually working to develop balanced strategies relevant to our community.

It is vital that we recognize and welcome diverse perspectives when addressing our challenges. However, we are richer as individuals and as a community when we first acknowledge all what...



Growing up in Humboldt County, I saw my share of timber war, drug war and culture war. I didn’t like it. I became an environmental engineer as a way to work with our community to help build a sustainable future.

In 2005, I was elected to the Harbor District, replacing an incumbent commissioner. At the time, I was seen by some as the lone “progressive” on a board that was considered to be very “conservative.” That created some tension and disagreements. I learned a lot from this experi-

ence, adapted my approach, and worked hard to create trust.

Within five years, I was elected board president. As president, my goal was to find our common ground and reduce conflict. I believe that as different as we may sometimes appear, we are from the same community. The list of things we agree on is much longer than things we don’t. I found that first working on things we agree about helps to create productive relationships that are useful when working on more controversial issues.

As your supervisor, I will continue to listen to all points of view, and work with all sides to develop positive and practical solutions.

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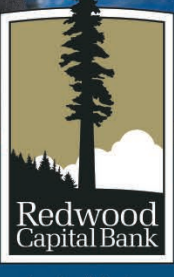
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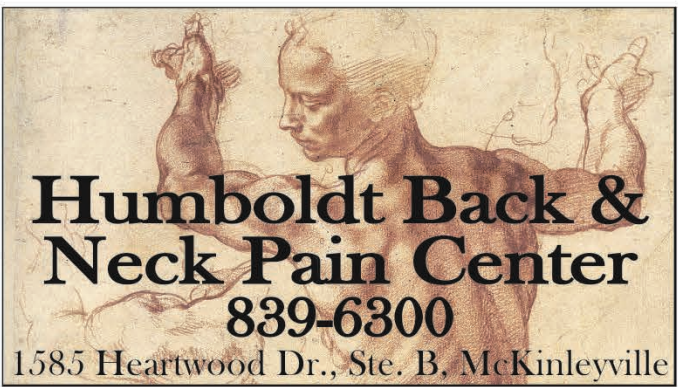
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Ian Harris: no satirical mercy for magical thinking – yours or theirs

Kevin L. Hoover

MAD RIVER UNION

OLD CREAMERY – If you're exasperated with credulous cranks and pandering politicians who pretend there's no climate change, that sea level rise is bogus, that evolution is a hoax, that religion should be taught in school, or that you can pray the gay away, there's good news and bad news.

The good news is that skeptical comedian Ian Harris is poised to puncture these pompous prevaricators with his "Critical & Thinking" comedy show this Saturday night at the Arcata Playhouse.

The bad news is that some of Arcata's adorably counterfactual assumptions – about magic-based treatments like acupuncture, or organic food having medicinal powers and Big Pharma being dedicated to human misery – might also suffer some skewering.

Science infamously doesn't care a bit about our trendy tribal mythologies, but Ian Harris is determined to leaven the reality check with a laugh track.

"The norm is *woo*," Harris said, using the term with which skeptics describe everything from detox treatments to energy chakras to reptilian overlords. "A lot of the stuff that's accepted and is considered normal is complete BS."

Science denial is a rich source of mate-

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rial for a skeptical comic, and it cuts across ideological boundaries. "We often equate it with people on the right – climate change and evolution," Harris observed. "But it's just as prevalent with people on the left when it comes to anti-vaxxers, when it comes to GMOs – science illiteracy goes both ways, just on different subjects."

Even a reality-checking satirist like Harris falls prey to politically based science denial. "On so many issues, I'm a huge Bernie Sanders supporter, but he seems to be pretty off on some of his science standards, for GMOs and alternative



medicine," Harris said. "But I guess I'm kind of giving him a pass because I like so much of the other things he stands for."

Harris finds that that die-hard true believers of all stripes are open to having their sacrosanct assumptions satirized, as long as there are plenty of guffaws involved.

"I just go after everything that's silly," he said. "If I come at it from a comedic standpoint, people are willing to go with it."

Harris says some parts of the audience will light up with laughter when he satirizes, say, religion, then go silent when he talks about New Age foolishness. "There are pockets of where people are agreeing and disagreeing with me, and it's never the same people," Harris said.

Along with science-based satire, Harris deploys multiple impressions. His some-

times-scathing act has also earned him comparisons to classic intellectual comics like Lenny Bruce, Bill Maher and George Carlin, and propelled him onto *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* and Comedy Central, with his TV special, *Critical & Thinking* now on Hulu and soon to hit Netflix.

Harris's cutting comedy content is affirmed by his reviews' mentions of Occam's razor and his razor-sharp wit. That may be why, Harris said, "I do a lot of shows at blood banks."

Opening for Harris and local comic Kim Hodges and Bay Area free-thought musician Joey Fabian.

Hodges said the Arcata Playhouse is perfect for funny business, with its "nice, legit comedy club feel."

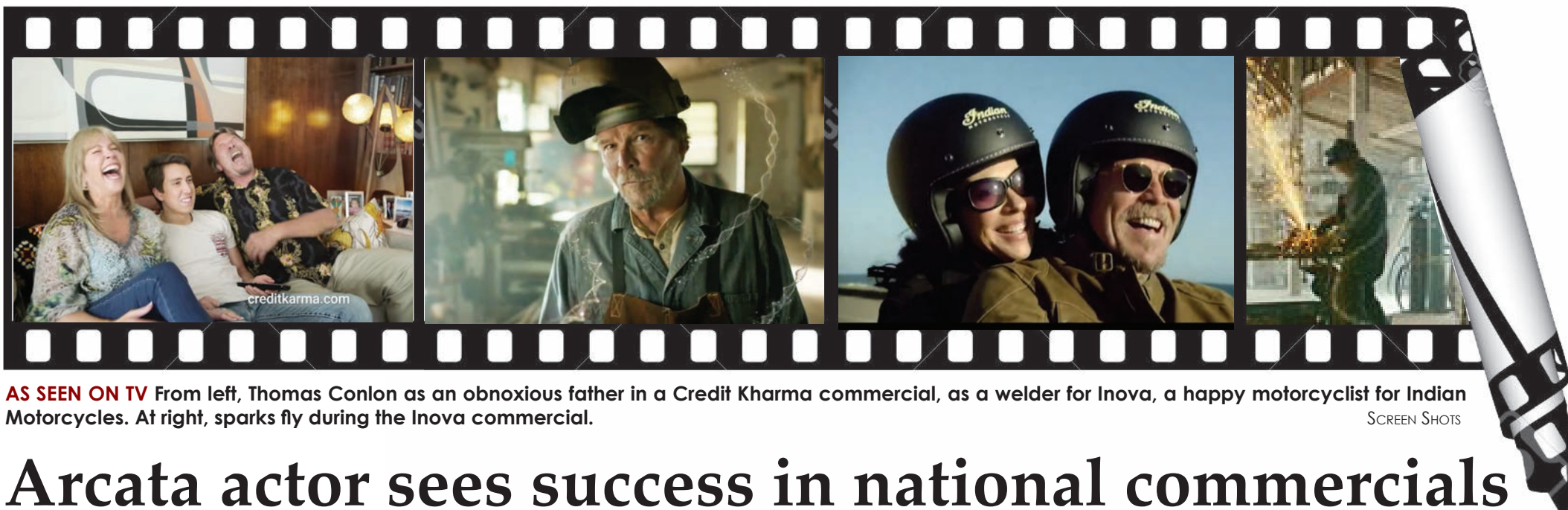
Fabian, a bass guitar teacher and science fan, has been known to incorporate the occasional Frank Zappa tune into his set.



Kim Hodges



Joey Fabian



AS SEEN ON TV From left, Thomas Conlon as an obnoxious father in a Credit Karma commercial, as a welder for Inova, a happy motorcyclist for Indian Motorcycles. At right, sparks fly during the Inova commercial.

SCREEN SHOTS

Arcata actor sees success in national commercials

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – Arcata resident Tomas Conlon is laughing his way to fame and fortune. Well, sort of.

A hearty over-the-top laugh helped land the former Arcata Planning Director in a recent Credit Karma television commercial, which is airing nationally. In a different commercial for Indian Motorcycles that appeared repeatedly last year while the *Sons of Anarchy* played on television, Conlon could also be heard laughing, although he's certain it wasn't actually his laugh. It was dubbed.

As for great fortunes, Conlon is being compensated with plenty of satisfaction, realizing his retirement dream of being a professional actor. The actual pay, though, is in the hundreds of dollars – good compensation for a day's work, but not enough to live on.

Two paying jobs in a year

Conlon is entering his fifth year of professional acting, with 2015 being one of his most successful years.

Conlon auditioned for 34 parts, and got two paying jobs to appear in two different



Tom Conlon

commercials.

"I was celebrating because this is the first time I've had two paying jobs in a year," Conlon said.

A welder for Inova

Last April, Conlon received 12 hours notice that he was scheduled for an audition for the Inova Center for Personalized Health. Conlon landed the role and a week later was shooting the commercial, which is now playing on the East Coast.

The commercial opens with Conlon playing the part of a grizzled welder work-

ing behind a grinder, a bright arc of sparks flying through the air. Conlon looks at the camera and says "I hold the key to the right treatment for my heart disease" as a ghostly DNA helix image floats over the screen. Within six seconds Conlon's part is over, and the commercial turns to other actors to tell about the heart medication.

The part was a natural fit for Conlon, who knows a thing or two about welding. "I grew up in a family business that was a sheet metal contractor," Conlon said.

Credit Karma

Conlon enjoyed plenty of laughs in October. **CONLON | C2**

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Kev's big week begins tonight

- **DINE AT ABRUZZI TONIGHT**, Wednesday, March 30, when 10 percent of proceeds will help make possible *Mad River Union* Editor-At-Large Kevin Hoover's 2016 Pacific Crest Trail charity hike.
- **ATTEND KEV'S FREE SENDOFF EVENT** Thursday, March 31 at 6 p.m. at Hotel Arcata's Banquet Room. Check out Kev's awesome PCT hike rig, then talk trails and more with local trail authorities. At 7:30 p.m., enjoy a talk by Glenn Branch, deputy director, National Center for Science Education (more details, page C6).
- **ATTEND Ian Harris's Critical & Thinking show** (previewed above) Saturday at the Arcata Playhouse, with comic Kim Hodges and Joey Fabian's Skeptical Jukebox opening.

Men walk like women and girls for women and girls

EUREKA – Soroptimist International of Humboldt Bay holds its ninth annual fund raising event, “High Heels For Healing” to benefit women and girls throughout the community on Wednesday, April 6. Event activities begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Adorni Center in Eureka. A \$25 fee pays for entry.

Those attending will watch 20 prominent men from the community “walk” in women’s shoes. Based on the old saying: “You can’t really understand another person’s experience until you have walked in their shoes,” walking in women’s shoes is a lighthearted way to increase our awareness of women’s issues.

Participants in this year’s event are Rex Bohn, Gregg Foster, Joe Diloreto, Skylar Moser, Mike Newman, Rick Ross, Dylan Sacco, Charles Young, Andy Parker, Jonan Ginsburg, Kent Froblom, Fred Jungemann and Assistant Coaches, Matt Owen, Ryan Stockhoff, Patrick Cleary, David Reynoza, Pat Hooven, Mychal Evenson, Alan Hoshiea and Jeffrey Leahy.

Soroptimist International of Humboldt Bay has the pleasure of celebrating its

30th Anniversary serving the women and girls of our community, and has pledged to give out (30 for 30) or \$30,000 in 2016, this year to annual Award Recipients such as the Distinguished Youth Award and the Re Entry Award, to Boys and Girls Club SMART program, Breast and GYN Health Project, College of the Redwoods Women’s Athletics program, Redwood Teen Challenge, St. Maurus Hanga Abbey, AAUW Tech Trek, Foster care Resource Center and others.

A Raffle and Silent Auction will be packed with chances to win exciting prizes from jewelry to Flight Over Humboldt. Proceeds from the raffle and auction, donations and pledges on behalf of the participants will be used by the Soroptimist club to fund its scholarships, donations and award events in the 30 for 30 Campaign.

The community is welcome to attend to cheer on the brave men who are willing to take on the daunting task of walking in women’s shoes.

Donations may also be mailed to Soroptimist International of Humboldt Bay, P O Box 96, Eureka, California, 95502.

Story, music, funnies and feasting at ‘Extra Innings’

HUMBOLDT CLASSICS SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

CREAMERY – The Humboldt Classics Senior Softball Association presents *Extra Innings – It Ain’t Over Till It’s Over* on Sunday, April 3 starting at 4 p.m. at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. in the Creamery District of Arcata.

Extra Innings is a Variety Show featuring storyteller Paul Woodland, musicians Mike Conboy and Chuck Hooker, sit-down comedian Art Jones and the acapella group the Tag Alongs in a benefit for the Senior Softball League.

The event gets underway with a barbecue (hot dogs, peanuts, Cracker Jack, beer and wine) at 4 p.m. The Variety Show starts at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$10, available at Wildberries Marketplace and *brownpapertickets.com*. For additional information contact Paul Woodland at *plw3@humboldt.edu* or (707) 441-9424. Visit *humboldtseniorsoftball.org* to become a senior (60-plus) softball player.



Paul Woodland

Lemonade Day registration opens

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HUMBOLDT –Humboldt Lemonade Day 2016 opens registration online on Friday, April 1. This youth-focused community event teaches kids how to start, own and operate their own business using a lemonade stand. Participants learn to set goals, develop a business plan and budget, seek investors and are encouraged to give some of their profits back to the community.

They also have an opportunity to learn important job skills like money management, customer service and more. Lemonade Day is recognized nationally and presented locally by AEDC and Decade of Difference with additional support from local sponsors. Humboldt Lemonade Day is Saturday, June 4.

Last year about 50 stand operators sold approximately 2,900 cups of lemonade. Average stand revenues totaled \$188, or \$9,400 county-wide.

“Over the years, we have seen participants get more creative with their products and their business strategies,” said Susan Seaman, coordinator. “They’ve been able to carry that entrepreneurial thinking with them, and we’ve been told that instructors of entrepreneurship classes with older students can identify those who have participated in Lemonade Day.”

For more information or to help a child register for Humboldt Lemonade Day, visit *humboldt.lemonadeday.org*. All registered youth receive a free Lemonade Day backpack and workbooks designed to help guide them through the business planning process.

For more information, contact Susan Seaman at (707) 798-6132 or *susans@aedc1.org*

WORK IN PROGRESS The Plaza’s northwest corner was a scene of unusual industriousness the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 27 as Humboldt State graduate students Gloria Murcia and Melissa Braden shot and co-directed a scene for their upcoming film, *The La-Z-Boy Life*, to be shown at the upcoming Independent Filmmakers’ Night at the Minor Theatre.

– Arcata Eye, Oct. 6, 1998

PUTTIN’ OUT THE FIRE Drink up at Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake, today, **March 30**, when \$1 from every beer sold all day benefits the Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Or, bend an elbow at Redwood Curtain Brewery, 550 South G St. in Arcata, to similarly benefit HSU Veterans and Enrollment Transition Services.

WORLD DANCE PARTY The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a World Dance Party, **Friday, April 1** from 7:45 to 11 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., in Arcata’s Creamery District. This party is a special fundraising event to help send folks to music and dance camp. There will be four bands, prize drawings, easy dance lessons and music played by Chubritza, BaMaKu, Sarah McClimon and Bandemonium! All ages and dance levels are welcome.

HIP HOP SOIREE Booty Shakin’ Music Productions presents the Hip Hop Soirée featuring MURS with visuals by Marmalade

Sky on **Friday, April 1** at 9:30 p.m. at the Portuguese Hall, 1185 11th St., Arcata. Admission is \$23 to \$33. *facebook.com/events/473700062817090*, (707) 367-5949

SINGER-SONGWRITERS Matt and Josie Minikus present a free concert **Saturday, April 2** at 7 p.m. at the Arcata-McKinleyville SDA Church, 1200 Central Ave., McKinleyville. *mattand-josieminikus.com*, (707) 839-3832

AT THE LIGHTHOUSE GRILL Josephine Johnson plays the Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Shopping Center, Trinidad, on **Sunday, April 3** at 5 p.m.

GET YOUR GOSPEL ON After two days of jazz and blues, Redwood Coast Music Festival attendees should be ready for a little spiritual refreshment on **Sunday morning, April 3**. The 70 members of the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir (AIGC) will open the traditional Sunday morning show at the Eureka Theater at 9 a.m. The AIGC Youth Choir will also

perform. Best of all, the show is free! The Sunday event will continue with the Navy Band Southwest at 10:30 and the ArMack Jazz Band at 11:30. The Eureka Theater is located at 612 F St. in Eureka.

SPECTACULAR! SPECTACULAR! Burningleaf Productions and KMUD Community Radio present the third annual *Spectacular! Spectacular!* an intergalactic garden party dinner-circus cabaret **Saturday, April 9** starting at 7 p.m. at the Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy.

This fine four-course feast fashioned by the delightful Outlaw Kitchen will fuse with world class talent from LA and San Francisco. With Mix Master Marjo Lak keeping the flow and tastefully melded with musical interludes by Portland’s Japonize Elephants.

Theatre show starts at 8 p.m. and doors at 10 p.m. for music. Admission is \$25 to \$100, with VIP and regular tables available. *spectacular.brownpapertickets.com*, (707) 223-3849

Conlon | ‘Then she said bazang!’

❖ FROM C1

Kharma commercial, in which he plays a father who tells the same joke over and over to his son.

As is true with most auditions, Conlon received very short notice and minimal information about the role he would play. He would be a father who says “And then she said bazang!” Conlon, who was the first actor to audition for the role, said that he decided to use an over-the-top laugh and push the limits. Conlon heeded some advice he learned in acting school. “You just have to make a decision and go for it. It either works or it doesn’t,” he said.

In Conlon’s case, it worked. He got the part and spent a day in Sherman Oaks shooting the commercial.

In the spot, a young man asks his older brother, who is punching buttons on a smart phone, “Why are you checking your credit score.” The brother responds “Well, you don’t want to live

with mom and dad forever, do you?” The younger brother is then shown on a couch sandwiched between his father, played by Conlon, and his mother. The parents are laughing as Conlon delivers a punchline – “And then she said bazang!” – to a joke that we never actually hear. In other scenes, Conlon laughs and laughs, repeating the punchline to the joke that he tells over and over.

“And then she said bazang! Get it?” he laughs.

Indian Motorcycles

In an Indian Motorcycle commercial released in 2014, Conlon is all smiles as he cruises on a Roadmaster along the coast of Ventura. At one point in the commercial, Conlon can be heard laughing, but it wasn’t his laugh. “It was dubbed,” Conlon said.

In the commercial which was aired on the History Channel and during the FX series *Sons of Anarchy*, Conlon walks out of a small diner carrying a shopping

bag when he’s confronted by a spanking new Roadmaster. He drops his bag and admires the shiny red motorcycle. Then he’s shown riding along the coast, a woman behind him holding on.

Like the Inova commercial in which he plays a welder, Conlon was comfortable with the role of a motorcyclists – he owns and rides a Harley.

A key to getting these roles is having an agent, Conlon said. To get an agent, Conlon and a group of fellow actors formed a class five years ago, read monologues, then invited the talent marketers to come and check them out. Of the 23 students who participated in what was basically an audition, only Conlon and another student landed agents.

The agent now looks for roles for Conlon, who said he’ll get a text followed by an email.

Conlon recommends that aspiring actors get their start in local theater, as Conlon did himself in Humboldt County. Conlon also played an “evil logger” in the film *Humboldt County* and got a part in Maria Matteoli’s *The Wine of Summer*.

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30	THURSDAY, MARCH 31	FRIDAY, APRIL 1	SATURDAY, APRIL 2	SUNDAY, APRIL 3	MONDAY, APRIL 4	TUESDAY, APRIL 5
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	8 p.m. Leftover Salmon	2:46 a.m. VibeSquaD	6:30 p.m. • High Water Mark (2015)	TBA Men's Basketball		TBA Men's Basketball	6 p.m. • NCRCT benefit night
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. TBA	9 p.m. TBA	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool		9 p.m. Triple Junction	9 p.m. The Roadmasters	8 p.m. • Karaoke w/DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke w/DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata	9:30 p.m. • Golden Gate Wingmen	9 p.m. Holly Bowling	6 p.m. • Hum- boldt Beer Week	9:30 p.m. Spiritual Rez			
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	6:30 p.m. • Jazz 9 p.m. • Whomp	9 p.m. Farnell Newton	9 p.m. • 101 North Funk Party		9 p.m. Sundaze	9 p.m. More Vibez	9 p.m. Comedy Night
	Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata		7 p.m. Brian Sackett	7 p.m. TBA	7 p.m. TBA			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake	8 p.m. LIVE Turtle Races		9 p.m. DJ D-Funk	9 p.m. Karaoke	6 p.m. Potluck	all day Free pool	all day Free ping pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	all day • Pints for Nonprofits, BLFD	6 p.m. Fred & Jr.	6 p.m. TBA	6 p.m. TBA		6 p.m. TBA	6 p.m. TBA
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. Dogbone				7 p.m. Trivia Night	7 p.m. • Thursday Night Bluegrass
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		9 p.m. Zak Shaffer			8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. • Karaoke w/DJ Marv	7:30 p.m. • Sunny Brae Jazz

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SCRAP Humboldt's School Break Camps

ARCATA – For the first time, SCRAP Humboldt is offering School Break Camps for Spring Break. Young people will explore the reuse possibilities of all of the discarded materials in the world around us, play games, try exper-



iments, and make quality, useful projects infused with their own artistic ideas.

Camp SCRAP is an art camp centered on themes of creative reuse. This camp is for children who LOVE inventing, making, and bringing their creative ideas to life! Each day

there will be a fun mix of staff-led projects and time for free building, with-in the themes of Collage/Assemblage, Sculpture, Drawing/Painting, Sewing and more. Campers will have access to a craft supply wall chock full of materials to reuse. SCRAP Camp will be offered Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 11 to 15, 2016 for students in grades first through fifth. Registration is currently open. Full week camps cost \$150 per student. Registration and more information is available at scraphumboldt.org/programs/camp/ or (707) 822-2452.

'Story Catchers of Southern Humboldt'

HUMBOLDT – Journalist-historian Jerry Rohde presents "The Story Catchers of Southern Humboldt" at the Humboldt County Historical Society program meeting on Saturday, April 2 at 1 p.m. in the first-floor conference room of the

vived to describe a nearly forgotten world, where the Lolahnkoks, Nongatls, Mattoles, and other tribal groups lived in a land that, for a time, was nearly a paradise. Thanks to Lucy Young, George Burt, Van Duzen Pete, and others, we are con-



MARSH MAGIC Massacre survivor Lucy Young, who was interviewed by C. Hart Merriam, with Yellow-jacket of the Cheteg-ge-keah, at Zenia, California. PHOTO COURTESY BANCROFT LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third St., Eureka. Admission is free and everyone is invited.

Jerry Rohde gives a PowerPoint presentation about the Indians of Southern Humboldt County — and the people who told and recorded their stories.

Starting in the early 1900s, a dedicated group of researchers, including Pliny Goddard and C. Hart Merriam, located and interviewed a handful of Indian elders who told them the stories of the tribes of the Van Duzen, Eel, and Mattole Rivers.

"The Indians from these areas were nearly all killed during the holocaust of the 1850s and 1860s," explains Rohde, "but a handful sur-

nected to people and places from an almost unimaginable past, a past that you can visit through the words and pictures that carry across the rivers, forests, and prairies of a century and a half ago. Join us for a chance to remake the connection." Join Rohde for this glimpse the North Coast region of a former time period; listen to fleeting voices of the past. For more information, contact the Humboldt County Historical Society at (707) 445-4342 or visit humboldthistory.org/



MARSH MAGIC Left, a male House Finch. Right, Clark's-Western intergrade Grebe. Both were photographed at the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary. PHOTOS BY DAVID PRICE



Marsh avian majesty on display through April

FRIENDS OF THE ARCATA MARSH ARCATA MARSH & WILDLIFE SANCTUARY – During April, photographer David Price will show his recent bird photos taken at the Arcata Marsh and in Humboldt County at

the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center. For a preview, visit laughingfrog-photography.com. Monthly art/photography shows are sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh. The Interpretive Center is located

at 569 South G St. in Arcata and is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Monday between noon and 2 p.m. (707) 826-2359



ALL IN HUMBOLDT Lacks Creek, left, and the Lost Coast, right. PHOTOS COURTESY BACKCOUNTRY PRESS

If all this talk about hiking makes you want to get up and go, have we got a book for you

HUMBOLDT – It is no secret that Humboldt County is renowned for its natural beauty. From spectacular coastline to old-growth redwood forests, coastal sand dunes, and inland mountain vistas it is a wonderful place to explore. The county includes a national park, 14 state parks, two national forests, a national wildlife refuge, a national monument, and the nation's first national conservation area. There is a lot of open space but, until now, many of the hiking opportunities in the county have been shrouded in mystery.

Kenneth Burton, the author of *Hiking Humboldt Volume 1: 55 Day Hikes in Northwest California*, loves to hike. But this book was born out of frustration. He says there was formerly a lack of information about hiking in the county. "In 2013 I started my mission to create the first comprehensive day-hiking guide to Humboldt County," Burton explained. Through extensive research I identified every publicly accessible hike between five and 15 miles long and then went out and hiked them while recording a GPS track. This effort is what became the book. He strongly supports the use of public transit to get to these routes. "If taking the bus, combined with a short hike or bike ride to the trailhead, is a feasible option, I have included how

to do just that in the route description," Burton says. Every hike can be done in one day, including round-trip driving



time if the Eureka area is your starting point. The hikes are grouped into six regions: Redwood National and State Parks, Trinidad, the Urban Corridor, King Range, Southern Redwoods and Inland Mountains. Each region has a description of what to expect, how to get there, and available services. Within each region, Burton describes each hike. Detailed maps were created by cartographer Jason Barnes. "This was a really fun project to develop maps

for," Barnes said. "While I've been a resident of the county for over 10 years, I had never heard of many of the hikes that Ken has identified."

Burton submitted his book for publication with Backcountry Press, located right here in Humboldt County. Michael Kauffmann, co-owner of the publishing company, is quite proud of the product. "This book has been in the works for over three years now. It is an excellent guide to get folks outside, exploring the natural world — which is one of the main goals of our company," Kauffman said. This is not the only hiking guide to Humboldt County in the works for Backcountry Press. *Hiking Humboldt Volume 2: 101 short day hikes, urban and road walks* by Rees Hughes will be available later this year. Volume 2 will feature shorter hikes from less than a mile to several miles. Visit HikingHumboldt.com for information about both books. (Meet Rees Hughes Thursday night, March 31 at 7 p.m. at Kev's PCT Sendoff; see page C6.)

Hiking Humboldt Volume 1: 55 Day Hikes in Northwest California includes color photographs,

hiking maps, route descriptions, and much more.

As befits a book about the beauty and wonder of Humboldt County, it is printed in Humboldt County on paper with post-consumer content. It can be found at bookstores across the region or by visiting BackcountryPress.com.

Backcountry Press is also offering a digital eBook as well as a downloadable bundle of the hiking tracks for use on a GPS unit to help navigate the hikes.

The book will be released on Friday, April 8 at the Coastal Nature Center when Friends of the Dunes host the Get Outside Gear Sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (see page C6). Backcountry Press will have its entire book catalog available for sale between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. with 25 percent of profits donated to Friends of the Dunes.

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Transportation limits vaccinations

HUMBOLDT COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

HUMBOLDT – Vaccination rates in Humboldt County rank a low 54 out of 58 California counties.

Humboldt County’s low vaccination rates became a public concern when SB 277 was signed into law in June 2015. With the passage of SB 277 parents will no longer be able to refuse the vaccination of their children based on personal belief exemptions, if their children attend public or private school. Humboldt County has the sixth highest personal belief exemption rate in the state.

When it comes to California vaccination rates for kindergarten and seventh graders in schools, Humboldt County ranks 54 out of 58 counties. This includes both public and private schools.

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds there is a risk of a contagious disease outbreak due to the percentage of children who are not currently vaccinated in Humboldt County.

The Humboldt County Department of Public Health has taken the initiative to establish the Humboldt Immunization Coalition (HIC) and is initiating a community-wide outreach program to improve vaccination rates for county school-aged children.

The HCCGJ acknowledges the work of the Humboldt County Department of Public Health, Humboldt County Office of Education, and the individual schools in Humboldt County for their diligence in initiating the implementation of SB 277.

The 2015-2016 Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury has two concerns.

According to a survey conducted by the HIC, access to transportation presents a major obstacle when it comes to children receiving vaccines.

The HCCGJ, therefore, recommends that the Humboldt County Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the Humboldt County Office of Education, develop and implement an action plan to address transportation accessibility for mandated vaccinations.

Furthermore, parents may not have access to vaccination rates prior to the fall of 2016, to enroll their children in their selected school.

While there is a state database (*shotsforschool.org*) which includes the vaccination rates for every school in California, parents may not be aware of this site and the Humboldt County information contained on that site may not be accurate.

The HCCGJ recommends the Humboldt County Department of Public Health, Humboldt County Office of Education, and the individual schools post the vaccination rates of students on their websites and/or include a link to the Shots for School website and in collaboration designate an agency to officially oversee the timely and accurate reporting of those vaccination rates.

Parents have a right to access accurate vaccination rates of prospective schools before they enroll their children in that school.

Access to the entire Grand Jury report may be obtained by going to humboldt.gov.org/510/Grand-Jury.

❖ LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Humboldt’s State of the Community Luncheon

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

EUREKA – At the annual State of the Community Luncheon on Friday, April 22 the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County will honor community volunteer Judith Stoffer for her numerous and substantial efforts on behalf of local causes including the American Cancer Society and Evergreen Lodge at St. Joseph Hospital.

The organizations chosen for recognition are Hospice of Humboldt and the Redwood Empire Quilters Guild. The luncheon will be held at the Adorni Center. Seating begins at 11:30 a.m.

Tickets must be purchased prior to the event before April 19. Call (707) 442-2729 or visit lwvhc.org.

Hospice has provided “heartfelt end-of-life care” and grief support services for community members for more than 30 years. Hospice is one of the many organizations that receives



ORGS HONORED Above left, Neal Ewald, Board President of Hospice of Humboldt and Joe Rogers (right), Executive Director of Hospice. Right, Betty Hendrickson (left), President of the Redwood Empire Quilters Guild and Guild member Nancy Frost.

PHOTOS COURTESY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

some of the lovingly made quilts offered by the Guild to groups including the Red Cross, North Coast Children’s Services, people receiving dialysis services, and premature and at-risk babies born in local hospitals.

There are currently 143 members of the Quilters Guild and they produce an astonishing 1,000 or so quilts each year.

Humboldt County Supervisor Mark Lovelace will present the State of the Community address. Connie Stewart, director of the

California Center for Rural Policy and former mayor of Arcata, will be the keynote speaker. Stewart was recently named Humboldt County Woman of the Year by State Senator Mike McGuire.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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1. Stinging insect

5. Pie bottom

10. Male animal

14. Parts of intestines

15. Allude

16. Sticky strip

17. Stalk

18. Revere

19. Actress Moran

20. Tam features

22. Noble

24. Vocalized pauses

25. Religious article

26. British metric unit

29. Poet's contraction

30. Narrow candle

34. Bustles

35. Forerunners of esses

36. Read

37. ___ favor; please: Sp.

38. Foot problem

40. Mailman's beat: abbr.

41. Part of the foot

43. Suffix for class or cheer

44. Eyes

45. Simple seat

46. Word with Red or White

47. Cubic meter

48. City in Italy

50. Brief life history

51. Unusual

54. Heavy, prolonged attack

58. Sandwich cookie

59. More positive

61. White beverage

62. Ludicrous

63. Exchange

64. Ms. Adams

65. Some football players

66. Unkind expression

67. High society misses

DOWN

1. Thin strand

2. Singing voice

3. Appear

4. New parents' purchase

5. Stuffs

6. Ohio athletes

7. Rare sighting, for short

8. Strong fabrics

9. ___ water; keep afloat

10. Outstanding

11. Place where 27 Down was spoken

12. Neat as ___

13. Mannerly man

21. Gold or copper

23. In a while

25. Rural church

26. ___ lazuli

27. "Frankly, my dear, ___."

28. Incomplete sculpture

29. Prefix for pod or cycle

31. Make baby food

32. Organic compound

33. Pee Wee ___

35. Mont Blanc, for one

36. ___ person; apiece

38. Misrepresent

39. John Ritter's dad

42. Old word for athletic girls

44. Raged

46. Celestial body

47. Dignified title

49. Continues

50. Plain

51. Leak

52. Actress Drescher

53. ___ off; resist

54. Venerable historian

55. Helpmate

56. Insincerely smooth

57. ___ out a living; gets by

60. Actress Charlotte ___

Solution on page C5

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PACE financing available for energy improvements

EUREKA – The Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) in association with Plan It Green Humboldt (a Northcoast Environmental Education Non-profit) are jointly presenting the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing Expo on Saturday, April 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Aquatic Center located at 921 Waterfront Dr. in Eureka.

The PACE Expo will feature PACE financing providers who will explain the program in detail and local participating contractors who will give brief presentations on eligible upgrades such as: renewable energy systems, energy efficiency upgrades and water conservation improvements.

The event is free to the public (visit redwoodenergy.org or plantitgreen.org to register) and refreshments will be served.

For more info, call the Redwood Coast Energy Authority at (707) 269-1700.

About PACE financing

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) is a financing program structure that authorizes a local government to provide up-front funding to eligible residential and commercial property owners to finance energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation improvements to their property (some programs are also expanding to finance seismic retrofits).

The programs are 100 percent voluntary and property owners repay the local government’s funding by agree-

ing to an assessment levied against their property, which is payable on their property tax bill.

Some unique features of PACE financing include:

- Financing is tied to the property and can be transferred to future buyers
- Funds are repaid through your property tax bill
- Eligibility is not based on credit score and does not affect your debt-to-income ratio
- Repayment terms of five to 25 years can keep payments low

PACE financing is now available in most Humboldt County jurisdictions including: Eureka, Arcata, Fortuna, Trinidad and Rio Dell, as well as the unincorporated county.

Would you go for Hugo? He’s ready to come home

With the return of spring and sunshine, we have been trying to get more dogs out in the play yard with a doggie friend for a good romp!

The dogs really enjoy a rousing game of run and tumble and it leaves them so much calmer afterwards. We have found likely and unlikely pairs of dogs that seem to hit it off great.

These two featured today, Hugo and Huckleberry, seemed like more of the unlikely type and yet they had a wonderful time.

Hugo is a 1 1/2-year-old Lab, Pit Bull and possible Border Collie mix who loves to play fetch. Huckleberry is a slender little year-old Kelpie-type dog with no apparent interest in fetching.

These two were friendly when they met on a walk so we decided to give them a try in the play yard. The first time out, it was mostly Hugo playing fetch with the humans and Huckleberry chasing him.

By the second date, Hugo had figured out that he could play a game of keep away with Huckleberry that kept them both entertained. Hugo seems to be willing to share his toys and doesn’t mind when the smaller dog decides to take a break by sitting on Hugo’s back. Huckleberry in turn doesn’t mind how much attention he gets, as long as he can run along and play.

Either of these dogs would make a

great second dog in a new home. Hugo has a tail that never stops wagging, a feature the volunteers just love.

Huckleberry seems to like all dogs and has plenty of speed and endurance to make a good running partner.

Both of these dogs are available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville.

They are both neutered, micro-chipped and current on their vaccinations. More info is available at (707) 840-9132 or you can see more photos of these and the other shelter dogs at our Facebook page, Friends of the Humboldt County Animal Shelter.

Seeing the photos of dogs romping in the play yard is good for a smile any day!

Little Nalah has joined the gang at Redwood Pals Rescue. This poor little thing arrived with her five puppies last November after what looked like a life of neglect – matted hair, over-



Nalah



Hugo and Huckleberry

grown nails, hungry and dehydrated. One of our fosters took her in and got her back to fine shape. The puppies have been adopted out and Nalah is now spayed and ready to find her forever home.

She does great with other dogs, cats and children and is potty trained and likes her crate. Her foster mom says she can be vocal but is never aggressive.

Pretty Nalah’s been groomed and is current on her vaccinations. She is ready to snuggle her way into the heart of the right adopter!

If you would like to meet Nalah, please contact us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or call (707) 839-9692. Redwood Pals Rescue also has a Facebook page, where you can see photos of our adoptable dogs. And there are new puppies on that page; don’t miss them!

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Robbery spree in Humboldt

EUREKA POLICE
HUMBOLDT – From Jan. 28 through March 20, Humboldt County has experienced a rash of armed robberies primarily in Fortuna, Eureka, Arcata and McKinleyville.
Surrounding agencies are working together to compare notes and find similarities between the cases. What we know about the robberies:

- Typically two male suspects
- Silver handgun brandished

- Wearing masks and/or hoodies
 - Targeting gas stations and mini marts near major highways
 - Vehicles involved parked out of sight (green Honda Civic or gray Chevrolet SUV described in at least two of the cases)
 - Most incidents occurred between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m.
- The recent robberies:
Recent cases:
- Jan. 28 at 5:36 a.m., gas station, 3505 Broadway, Eureka

- Jan. 28 at 6:50 a.m., gas station on Central Avenue, McKinleyville
 - March 18 at 4:57 a.m., gas station on Murray Road, McKinleyville
 - March 18 at 5:45 a.m., gas station on Alliance Road, Arcata
 - March 18 at 6:31 a.m., gas station on Fairway Drive, Eureka
 - March 19 at 10:50 p.m., market on School Street, Fortuna
 - March 20 at 6:47 a.m., drive through fast food, Eureka
- It is important for businesses to be aware of these trends so that they can take steps to better protect their employees and customers.

Be alert, be visible, and have clear policies for employees.
Check out the Portland Police Bureau's Guide to Robbery Prevention for many good tips to consider. (portlandoregon.gov/police/article/31555)
Anyone with information regarding these cases is asked to call the related jurisdiction. Eureka Police Department (707) 441-4060; Fortuna Police Department, (707) 725-7550 or the WeTip Hotline at 1(800) 78-CRIME; Arcata Police Department, (707) 822-2424 or the Crime Tip Line at (707) 825-2588; Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, (707) 445-7251

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See crossword on page C4

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00152
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MIGHTY MTN FARMS 16B CAPELL RD. HOOPA, CA 95546 P.O. BOX 1391 HOOPA, CA 95546**
BRANDON W. PFEIFFER 16B CAPELL RD. HOOPA, CA 95546
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/BRANDON W. PFEIFFER, OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on 02/29/2016
KELLY E. SANDERS MM DEPUTY CLERK
3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00154
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BOSS HOG FARMS 1983 HOLLY DR. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**
RYAN D. ROSS 1983 HOLLY DR. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/RYAN ROSS, OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on 03/01/2016
KELLY E. SANDERS MM DEPUTY CLERK
3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00168
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BROOKDALE FORTUNA 2401 REDWOOD WAY FORTUNA, CA 95540**
BROOKDALE VEHICLE HOLDING, LLC 200827410088 111 WESTWOOD PLACE, SUITE 400 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company **S/ERIC HOAGLUND, MANAGER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on 03/03/2016
KELLY E. SANDERS AA DEPUTY CLERK
3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00183
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RENAISSANCE INTERNET 1033 G ST ARCAT, CA 95521**
THOMAS J. CAMOZZI 4392 BROWNS RD EUREKA, CA 95503
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/THOMAS J CAMOZZI, OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on 03/09/2016
KELLY E. SANDERS AA DEPUTY CLERK
3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00128
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HAPPY CAMPER REDWOOD TOURS 1029 11TH ST ARCAT, CA 95521**
HAPPY CAMPER REDWOOD TOURS LLC 1029 11TH ST ARCAT, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company **S/JAKE A. DRAKE,**

CAMP DIRECTOR
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on 02/22/2016
KELLY E. SANDERS MM DEPUTY CLERK
3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00120
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MOONRISE HERBS 826 G STREET ARCAT, CA 95521**
IRENE E. LEWIS 1970 COLUMBUS AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/IRENE E. LEWIS, OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 17, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS Z. HALMAN DEPUTY
3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00216
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ACCORD REAL ESTATE 326 I STREET STE. 135 EUREKA, CA 95501**
KAREN SANDERSON 12TH & M ST. ARCAT, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/KAREN ANDERSON, OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH 23, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS MM DEPUTY CLERK
3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00208
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BLOOM SALON 650 SIXTH STREET ARCAT, CA 95521**
JACKI L. REED 2931 JANES CREEK RD. ARCAT, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/JACKI REED, OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH. 21, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS AA DEPUTY CLERK
3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00198
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GOUCHER MECHANICAL CONTRACTING 3000 FIELDBROOK RD. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**
TOBY J. GOUCHER 3000 FIELDBROOK RD. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/TOBY J. GOUCHER, OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH 16, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS AA DEPUTY CLERK
3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
ELSIE E. INIGUEZ SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV160125

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner **ELSIE ELENA INIGUEZ** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **ELSIE ELENA INIGUEZ** to Proposed name **ELSIE ELENA GONSALVES**.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: April 11, 2016
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: FEB. 11, 2016
ARNOLD ROSENFELD
Judge of the Superior Court
3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30

SUMMONS (JOINDER) CASE NO.: FL140420
MARRIAGE OF PETITIONER: Kimberly Tritchler
RESPONDENT: Silverio Sanchez
CLAIMANT: Ronald S. Sanchez Sr.
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response or pleading, if any, may be filed on time.
1. TO THE PETITIONER AND RESPONDENT
A pleading has been filed under and order joining **RONALD S. SANCHEZ SR.** as a party in this proceeding. If you fail to file an appropriate pleading within 30 days of the date this summons is served on you, your default may be entered and the court may enter a judgement containing the relief requested in the pleading, court costs, and such other relief as may be granted by the court, which could result in the garnishment of wages, taking of money or property, or other relief.
3. NOTICE TO PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual.
Dated: Dec. 02 2015
Clerk, By Cecile Nesslerage, Deputy
YOU MUST APPEAR IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501
Date: April 6, 2016

Time: 1:30 p.m.
Dept.: 6
3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LESLIE SUE GREIF aka LESLIE SUE WELSCH CASE NO.: PR160082
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **LESLIE SUE GREIF aka LESLIE SUE WELSCH**
A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: **DYLAN SCARLETT** in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: **DYLAN SCARLETT** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: April 14, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 8
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the petitioner: **ARTHUR NIELSEN GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503**
(707) 269-0167 3/23, 3/30, 4/6

as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the petitioner: **ARTHUR NIELSEN GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503**
(707) 269-0167 3/23, 3/30, 4/6

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY BARBARA DAVIS MORRIS CASE NO.: PR160053
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **MARY BARBARA DAVIS MORRIS**
A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: **ROBERT E. MORRIS** in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: **ROBERT E. MORRIS** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: April 14, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 8
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the petitioner: **WILLIAM G. BERTAIN 1310 SIXTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501**
(707) 443-5078 3/23, 3/30, 4/6

creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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Attorney for the petitioner: **WILLIAM G. BERTAIN 1310 SIXTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501**
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CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294
Case Name: JOSEPH RUSSELL KEISER and GARY KEISER, II
Case No.: JV140142-1, -2

1. To Joseph Kaiser and anyone claiming to be a parent of Joseph Russell Keiser and Gary Keiser, II born on 3/7/02 & 7/27/03 Joseph Russell Keiser: born at St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka, CA; Gary Keiser, II: born in Yuma, AZ.
2. A hearing will be held on June 29, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.
3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer. 4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.
6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.
ATTORNEY FOR: **CHILD WELFARE SERVICES JEFFREY S. BLANK, COUNTY COUNSEL #115447 KATIE BACA, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #188031 825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501**
(707) 445-7236
DATE: MARCH 15, 2016
Clerk, by Kim M. Bartleson, Deputy 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13

NOTICE OF SALE
TO: **DAVID L. HAATS 1720 THUNDERBIRD DRIVE, MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519, AND ALL PERSONS KNOWN OR UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN THE MANUFACTURED HOME SPECIFIED BELOW:**
You are in default under the terms of the NOTE and COAST CENTRAL CREDIT UNION SECURITY AGREEMENT (Mobile Homes) both dated May 13, 2010.
A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code, and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed agent. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Loan and Security Agreement. The undersigned agent disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein.
The secured party hereby elects to conduct a foreclosure sale pursuant to the provisions of California Commercial Code, Section 9610, et seq., under the terms of the Loan and Security Agreement, and pursuant to any other instruments between the Debtor and the Secured Party referencing a security interest in personal property. Secured Party reserves its right to revoke its election as to some or all of said personal property and/or fixtures, or to add additional personal property and/or fixtures to the election herein expressed, at Secured Party's sole election, from time to time, and at any time until the consummation of the foreclosure sale to be conducted pursuant to the Loan and Security Agreement, and this Notice of Sale. Please refer to the Note and for additional information. The personal property which was given as security for the Debtor's obligation is described as follows:
1987 Fleetwood Homes, Inc. Sandlewood mobile home with Decal No: LAK6397, Serial Nos: CAFLJ17A08454SW & CAFLJ17B08454SW, Label/Insignia Nos: RAD417054 & RAD417055.
Said property is now located at 1720 Thunderbird Dr., McKinleyville, Humboldt County, CA 95519. No warranty is made that any or all of the personal property still exists or is available for the successful bidder, and no warranty is made as to the condition of any of the personal property, which shall be sold "as is, where is."
DEBTOR: David L. Haats
DATE OF SALE: 4/6/2016
TIME OF SALE: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE OF SALE: Owens & Ross, Attorneys at Law, 310 Third St., Ste. D, Eureka, CA 95501
PROPERTY LOCATION: 1720 Thunderbird Dr., McKinleyville, Humboldt County, CA
ESTIMATED OPENING BID: \$24,885.82
The total estimated current balance secured by said instrument is stated above, which includes the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest), and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances as of the time of the initial execution of this notice. This amount will change due to the passage of time. 3/30

RESOLUTION 2016-06 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE MEASURE B MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT —

RENEWAL FOR PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017; ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT PREPARED IN CONNECTION THERETO; AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THESE MATTERS

The Board of Directors of the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) determined and resolved in part by Resolution 2016-06 as follows:
The Assessment Engineer of Work (the "Engineer") has prepared and filed with the Board Secretary an Engineer's Report (the "Report") in connection with the Assessment District and the levy of assessments for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 pursuant to Section 22623 of the Act and in accordance with Chapter 1, Article 4 of the Act and the provisions of the California State Constitution, Article XIIID.

The Report was accepted and approved as submitted and ordered to be filed in the offices of MCSD as a permanent record and to remain open to public inspection. The Board of Directors declared its intention to levy and collect an assessment against the lots and parcels of land within the Assessment District for Fiscal Years 2016/2017 at the same assessment rate applied in the previous fiscal year as more fully described in the Report. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on these matters will be held by the Board on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, beginning at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as feasible, at Azalea Hall, located at 1620 Pickett Road, McKinleyville, California.

At the Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to hear and be heard. 3/23, 3/30, 4/6

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PHILLIP NICOLAS ANGELOFF CASE NO.: PR160093
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **PHILLIP NICOLAS ANGELOFF**
Petition for Probate has been filed by: **NICOLAS**

Agreement. The undersigned agent disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein.
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DEBTOR: David L. Haats
DATE OF SALE: 4/6/2016
TIME OF SALE: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE OF SALE: Owens & Ross, Attorneys at Law, 310 Third St., Ste. D, Eureka, CA 95501
PROPERTY LOCATION: 1720 Thunderbird Dr., McKinleyville, Humboldt County, CA
ESTIMATED OPENING BID: \$24,885.82
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GODWIT'S GOING GREAT Now in its 21st year, the Godwit Days Festival is having its best year ever in terms of registration. More than one in three of the original 90 trips have sold out. In response, Godwit Days has added 16 new trips. Some of them are additional sessions of filled events, while others are brand new. So, even if you have already signed up to attend, you might want to visit godwitdays.org to peruse the new offerings, or call (707) 826-7050.

AQUAPONICS EXPLAINED Humboldt Bay Harbor Working Group (HBHWG) announces a presentation by Rafael Cuevas Uribe, Ph.D., about “Aquaponics on the Bay.” The presentation is scheduled for today, **Wednesday, March 30** from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. with lunch served from noon to 12:30 p.m. at Samoa Cookhouse. Uribe is an assistant professor, Department of Fisheries, Humboldt State University (HSU). Aquaponics is the integration of hydroponics (soilless plant culture system) with a recirculating aquaculture system. It utilizes nutrient-rich effluent from the fish tanks as a resource in the hydroponic grow beds where plants take up this nutrient. This is a symbiotic relationship where fish provide most of the plants nutrients and the plants remove the nitrogenous waste thereby cleaning the water for the fish. Aquaponics offers several advantages as an aquaculture production method such as the system’s capability to raise fish at higher density, lower water exchange, and produce a marketable vegetable crop. The Department of Fisheries Biology at Humboldt State University, led by Dr. Uribe, is using an aquaponics system in Samoa in partnership with the Humboldt Bay Harbor District as part of the aquaculture practicum class (FISH 370L).

CLIMATE CHANGE CONFUSION Humboldt Skeptics present a talk by Glenn Branch, deputy director, National Center for Science Education, **Thursday, March 31** at 7:30 p.m. in the Hotel Arcata Banquet Room. Branch will discuss doubt and denial about climate change and how it affects science education. The presentation follows Kev’s PCT Sendoff event (see ad, below). [Facebook/Humboldt Skeptics](#)

SANCTUARY FOREST SHOW Tune into KMUD on **Thursday, March 31** at 7 p.m. for the *Sanctuary Forest Radio Hour*.

Sanctuary Forest’s Lands Program Director Galen Doherty will host a conversation on local and regional options and obstacles to sustainable forest management, how timberland owners are using innovative approaches to meet stewardship goals despite poor market conditions, and how these approaches can be modified to fit the management needs of smaller landowners. Participants include Chris Larson, Lost Coast Forestlands; Tim Metz, Restoration Forestry; Mark Andre, Arcata Environmental Services – Arcata Community Forest; and Mark Wether, Redwood Forest Foundation – Usal Forest. The show will be call-in starting at 7:40 p.m. The show will discuss tools/strategies that local timberland owners are using to navigate economic hurdles and adopt sustainable forestry practices, (e.g. community forests, carbon sequestration/greenhouse gas reduction programs, biochar/green energy projects, and working forest conservation easements); economic constraints to growth in the local/regional timber industry for both large and small forestland owners; and ways to cooperate on local and regional levels to reduce costs, develop niche markets, and provide small forestland owners with opportunities to sustainably manage their forests.

MARSH DISPLAYS EXPLAINED Have you ever wondered what the true stories are behind the permanent exhibits at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center? Find out on **Friday, April 1** at 1 p.m. as retired HSU biology professor John DeMartini continues his series of free, one-hour presentations sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh, held the first Friday of each month. DeMartini is a master storyteller who will help all ages understand the science underlying the marsh displays. (707) 826-2359

AUDUBON MARSH WALK Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, April 2**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Joe Cerani in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

DUNES RESTORATION Help restore the dune ecosystem on the Friends of the Dunes property on **Saturday, April 2** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will be removing invasive plants to make

room for more native diversity. Tools, gloves and snacks will be provided, please bring water and wear work clothes. Meet at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. For more information contact Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or jess@friendsofthedunes.org.

LANPHERE TOUR Join Friends of the Dunes naturalist Lisa Hoover for a guided tour of the Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay Wildlife Refuge on **Saturday, April 2** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at Pacific Union School, 3001 Janes Road in Arcata to carpool to the protected site. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org.

AUDUBON OVERNIGHTER Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on an overnight field trip from Saturday, April 2 through **Sunday, April 3** with Elias Elias to observe Greater Sage-Grouse as well as many other birds in Lassen County. On Saturday, the group will bird Honey Lake Valley, the conifer forests around Janesville, and the juniper woodlands in Jack’s Valley north of Susanville. On Sunday, the group will visit a grouse lek (male display area) to watch the Greater Sage-Grouse dance and strut (see [youtube/cLnbiTkj1TQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLnbiTkj1TQ)). Participants should arrange their own lodging in Susanville for Friday and Saturday nights, or plan to camp at the Fleming Unit of the Honey Lake Wildlife Area; and be prepared to eat most meals in the field. Contact Elias at 7076338833@gmail.com or (707) 633-8833.

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata

Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, April 2** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Ken Burton at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the birds, plants, and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

ALL ABOUT BEES The Humboldt State University Natural History Museum, 1242 G St., Arcata, is hosting a lecture **Tuesday night, April 5** at 7 p.m. about local native bees. HSU graduate student Patrick Lei will present fascinating information on the world of bees, including his own research on the Dune Silver Bee. Learn bee natural history, what makes a bee a bee and an introduction to some of the differences in nesting and foraging behaviors among species. Donations appreciated. (707) 826-4479, humboldt.edu/natmus

GET OUTSIDE GEAR SALE Support Friends of the Dunes and find great deals on gently used and new recreational gear at the annual Get Outside Gear Sale, **Saturday, April 9** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, located at 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. Parking is limited, so carpooling and riding bikes is encouraged. Cyclists will receive a free drink ticket, and Friends of the Dunes will happily store items that can’t be transported on a bike for up to one week. This wildly popular event includes a giant, used and new outdoor gear sale, live music, food, beer, door prizes, silent auction and kids activities. \$1-\$5 sliding scale admission fee. friendsofthedunes.org, call (707) 444-1397.

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